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Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring, flanked by Faisal Husseini (left) and Ziyad Abu Zayyad and Hanan Ashrawi, gestures to reporters at Orient House yesterday. (Isaac Harari)

Rabin: We'll take offensive against terror

LIAT COLLINS and news agencies

ISRAEL has made its position on Katuysha attacks from Lebanon known to the US and expects the US has passed it on to Syria, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Labor Knesset faction yesterday.

"We'll see what develops," he said. "This is an ongoing war on terror. We are firm in our stand to protect the settlements on the northern border. The war on terror continues. We are prepared and will act, taking offensive measures."

In Southern Lebanon, there were further exchanges of fire between the IDF and the South Lebanese Army and Hizbullah.

An IDF armored car was attacked, but there were no casualties.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine ordered a series of additional security measures taken to lessen the chances of casualties in a clash with Hizbullah.

Rabin said Israel and the SLA worked in cooperation to protect the security zone and its residents.

He said the three IDF soldiers killed on Sunday were the victims of a bomb containing large quantities of iron balls designed to scatter when it was set off. He said apparently the soldiers had been moving toward the position from which RPGs were fired when the device went off, adding such bombs contain 30 kilograms or more of explosives and dozens or even hundreds of small balls.

Although he described Sunday's incident as "a hard blow" he said it is not unusual.

He praised the trackers – two of whom died in the attack – saying their work is essential in preventing terrorist infiltrations. Rabin said the security zone had proved itself against such infiltrations.

In the village of Zarzir in the Jezreel Valley, Warrant Officers Hisham Rakhal Hayeb and Ahni Mohammed Hayeb, the two Beduin trackers killed Sunday, were buried with full military honors.

At the same time, Lt.-Col. (res.) Kassem Falah Hayeb, a former commander of the trackers' unit, said that Israel has and continues to neglect the Beduin. From the day they are discharged from the army, he said, no organization assists them.

"I am sure, Mr. Prime Minister," he said in an emotional appeal to Rabin on Israel Radio, "that you don't know what goes on in every single Beduin village. You have advisers and bureaucrats, people who check and report to you what is going on. But I want to tell you, that Beduin villages are neglected. I urge you to look into this problem."

Syria, meanwhile, said yesterday that Israel could expect more attacks on its troops in Southern Lebanon until it withdraws from the area.

The Syrian government newspaper *Tishreen*, commenting on Sunday's attack, said armed resistance is a natural response to the Israeli occupation.

"It's out of the question that members of the patriotic resistance will lay down their arms as long as the occupation continues," it said.

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Spring discusses Jerusalem at Orient House

JON IMMANUEL

IRISH Foreign Minister Dick Spring met with an 11-member Palestinian delegation at Orient House for an hour yesterday, turning what was to have been a courtesy call into a discussion of Jerusalem and Irish-Palestinian relations.

Spring's controversial visit, against Israeli wishes, was designed to help deepen Irish involvement in the issues ahead of Ireland's assumption of the presidency of the European Union next year.

"Jerusalem is part of the agenda, not just for the Palestinians but for the international community," one Palestinian participant quoted Spring, as saying.

"He said he and his country are for the implementation of all security council resolutions on Jerusalem and on the occupied territories. Jerusalem is a divided city, and there should be a solution to satisfy both sides," Mohammad Jadallah, a leading opposition figure, said.

"From Ireland's point of view, we approach these matters in an evenhanded way and I would like to think that both my visit to Israel and my visit and discussions with Palestinians in Gaza and here would help our relations with both sides," Spring said after the meeting.

The previous night, Spring visited Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza at midnight, because Arafat was flying to Turkey for an official visit.

Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller caused an uproar when she paid a sneak 15-minute Saturday morning visit to Orient House last year, without coordinating with Israel.

Members of Women in Green faced Border Police as they protested Spring's visit. "They are building the Palestinian parliament here, why doesn't anybody see that," shouted one woman.

"What will you say to your son 30 years from now when it will be a fact, when there will be a Palestinian state and he will ask you why you did nothing to prevent this holocaust?" asked Rabbi Benny Elon of Beit El.

Israeli Arabs get $10m. 'to lobby for Palestine'

STEVE RODAN

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat ordered $10 million allocated to Israeli Arab parties and municipalities to form a lobby for the establishment of a Palestinian state, according to documents obtained by *The Jerusalem Post*.

But Palestinian Authority officials declared the documents a forgery obtained and distributed by right-wing Israeli circles to embarrass the government.

In a letter dated August 15, 1994, and marked top secret, to the chairman of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR), Palestinian Authority Finance Minister Mohammed Nashashibi reports a decision by Arafat to invest millions to spread his influence in the Israeli Arab sector.

"...The activity of the Palestinian National Authority should spread inside Israel and concentrate on the Arabs," the Nashashibi letter says.

Nashashibi says responsibility for the recruitment of Israeli Arab support has been given to Arafat's adviser Ahmed Tibi, an Israeli citizen.

"Comrades ought to be chosen from among the members of the Knesset, municipal and local councils, philanthropic organizations, cooperatives, villages, and churches to gain their collaboration," the letter says.

Nashashibi says the $10 million will be immediately allocated to help Arab councils cover their deficits and as contributions to church leaders and philanthropic organizations.

The letter ends with Nashashibi urging that the funding be kept secret.

In a response to Nashashibi dated August 23, the PECDAR chairman, whose signature is illegible, says that Tibi was contacted about funding a pro-PA lobby among Israeli Arabs. Tibi, the letter says, received the $10 million in a foreign bank account.

"We have contacted Dr. Ahmed Tibi, who has visited our office personally and he prefers not to talk on the telephone," the letter says. "He assured us of the necessity to pursue the transfer in the same way."

In an August 31, 1994 letter to Nashashibi, PECDAR reports that Tibi was given $6 million for a secret fund to buy property in Jerusalem. The figure was half that allocated by Arafat.

"The transfer of the amount of $12 million in the same way is not easy now," the letter says. "The comrade, Dr. Ahmed Tibi has consented to divide the amount and has affirmed that there is no urgency and no prejudice will come out of the postponement."

The PA correspondence has been sent to a congressional body investigating PLO assets and how the authority has used Western donor funding.

Nashashibi maintains the letters are forgeries. But Palestinian and independent sources who have examined the letters say they appear authentic, although probably not written by Nashashibi. The Palestinian sources say numerous letters by the PA are

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Disgruntled OC Intelligence announces early retirement

ALON PINKAS

OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy will be replaced on Friday by Brig.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon, two months before he was scheduled to step down.

Saguy had asked Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin to relieve him of his duties at the earliest possible date, and Rabin approved the request after consulting with Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak.

The background behind Saguy's decision is his strained relationship with Shahak, which began even before Shahak was chosen over Saguy as CGS last November.

A feud then developed over Saguy's retirement date, with Saguy claiming that Shahak never discussed retirement details with him. The IDF Spokesman publicly set July 13 as the date, which was then changed to August 13 after Saguy questioned the spokesman's credibility, and in private, that of Shahak.

But what triggered the decision was apparently Shahak's not including Saguy in the preparatory talks held before the Israeli-Syrian military meeting in Washington, and his reluctance to even include Saguy in the delegation.

Shahak has already notified Rabin that the two major-generals who will accompany him and later conduct the talks with the Syrians will be Rabin's military aide Danny Yatom and OC Planning Branch Uzi Dayan. A brigadier-general from Intelligence will also accompany Shahak.

Yatom and Dayan have been reported as Shahak's choices by the media for the last several weeks, evidently adding to Saguy's frustration.

A senior army source said yesterday that Rabin probably would have ordered Shahak to include Saguy in the talks, by virtue of his role as head of Intelligence and his extensive experience in Syrian affairs over the last several years. But Saguy refused to cooperate with Shahak under the circumstances.

"This is really not about the talks, but about IDF retirement politics, which are, to put it mildly, uncivilized," the source said.

A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office said that Saguy had met with Rabin and requested to move up his retirement, and that Rabin expressed regret, but accepted the request.

However, sources in the Prime Minister's Office describe a somewhat less tranquil version.

"Saguy was furious, claiming that he only learned from the press that Shahak doesn't want him in the Washington talks. Rabin confirmed that information, and Saguy then asked to be relieved immediately," a Rabin aide said.

Shevardnadze pushing for Georgian embassy in Jerusalem

DAVID MAKOVSKY

GEORGIA may open an embassy in Jerusalem by the end of the year, visiting Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze indicated last night.

When asked directly by *The Jerusalem Post* about a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office heralding what would be the third foreign embassy in the capital, Shevardnadze said, "I started the rumor. Yes, it is true."

However, an informed source counseled caution, noting that the move is pending Shevardnadze's re-election in the fall. Should there be heavy Arab opposition, an embassy may become a diplomatic mission, the source said.

In meetings with senior Israeli officials yesterday, Shevardnadze discussed improving security links, and signed an array of agreements on subjects including aviation and agriculture.

Last night, he appealed to Israeli businessmen to invest in Georgia, which has been beset by separatist problems.

Shevardnadze ends his three-day tour by visiting Ashkelon, home to an estimated 7,000 Georgian Jews.

EIB okays $300m. for Egypt-Israel joint oil refinery

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE European Investment Bank (EIB) approved a $300 million credit yesterday for a projected $1 billion Egyptian-Israeli oil refinery project near Alexandria, according to Nimrod Novik, a businessman involved in the project.

The project, expected to be completed by the end of the decade, would be the largest Arab-Israel joint venture under way.

According to Novik, a former top aide to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the credit was the highest given to the EIB outside of the European Union. He said the oil refinery will serve the needs of Egypt, Israel and the Palestinians.

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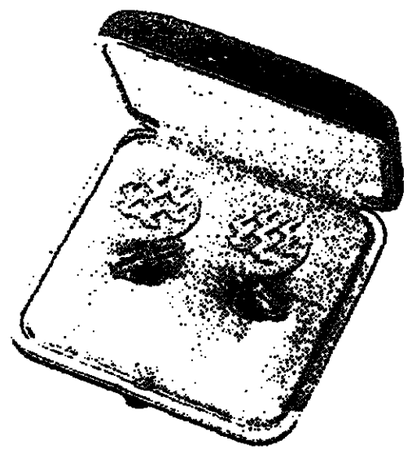
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Rabin: Palestinians should accept two-part redeployment

EVELYN GORDON

NO agreement on redeployment in the territories is likely to be concluded by July 1 if the Palestinians insist on finalizing both parts of the redeployment at once, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

Rabin, speaking after a joint meeting of the Knesset Finance and Foreign Affairs and Defense committees, said the government would prefer not to make any promises regarding Hebron, Ramallah and Bethlehem now, but to concentrate on the agreement to withdraw from Jenin, Tulkarm, Kalkilya, and Nablus.

"If [the Palestinians] demand that we reach an agreement on both stages, it is very doubtful that we will able to reach any agreement by July 1," he said. "We would therefore like first to reach an agreement with the Palestinians to deal with the first stage of the redeployment, and make an effort to conclude an agreement on that by July 1, or shortly thereafter, and leave the agreement on the second stage of the redeployment until after the Palestinian elections, after the Palestinian council has been set up."

Rabin told the committee that the first stage of the redeployment could take several months, or even longer, depending on the progress of the security arrangements requested by the army, such as bypass roads.

"If I knew he would stand by all these promises, I would be reassured," commented Michael Eitan (Likud) afterwards. "But it won't happen."

"The army's most minimal demands haven't even been budgeted," added Ovadia Eli (Likud). "And I know how this works. It's a function of pressures – and I'm not certain Rabin will stand up to the pressures, which will be both internal and external."

Rabin, however, vented his anger at Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahu, who had earlier said that "Rabin is afraid to say the word 'no' to [PLO chairman Yasser] Arafat. And because of this fear, Rabin abandons Israel's security... He's incapable of withstanding any pressure."

"The prime minister is pulling the wool over the public's eyes when he talks about redeployment," Netanyahu added. "We are talking about a full withdrawal, and delivering the territory to the Palestinian army... This is a step that will create hothouses of terrorism next to Israel's major population centers."

"I understand that you heard a full-fledged attack from that security expert, the Likud chairman," Rabin responded after the meeting. "There are people who aren't capable of seeing the changes that are taking place, and of making changes... We're familiar with the Likud's horror stories. They promised us Katyushas from Gaza, but Gaza has been under the primary control of the Palestinian Authority for more than a year now, and there hasn't been a single Katyusha."

"This is not the Likud of Menachem Begin, which dared, and took initiatives, and was willing to pay a heavy price to promote peace," he continued. "Today's Likud is scared to death of peace. And therefore, it reacts absolutely childishly."

MKs from both left and right, meanwhile, attacked Rabin for spending so much money on the redeployment – primarily the bypass roads – if he ultimately intends to give them up the settlements completely. The money then is simply wasted, they said.



Georgian President Ednard Shevardnadze visits the Western Wall yesterday. (Brian Hendler)

Settlers unveil secretly built road

HERB KEINON

SETTLEMENT activists unveiled a road yesterday that was secretly built over the last four months, linking a number of settlements in the Judean Desert and forming them into a settlement bloc.

The seven-kilometer dirt road runs from Anatot just north of Jerusalem to Kfar Adumim, Nofei Prat and Alon. A road already exists linking Alon to Mitzpe Yericho.

Pinhas Wallerstein, the head of the Binyamin Regional Council responsible for building the road, said this is just one of a number of such roads being constructed clandestinely in the territories to form blocs of settlements.

The idea, settlement leaders say, is to create the settlement blocs so that – like Gush Katif – they will remain outside Palestinian autonomous areas.

Wallerstein said an additional reason for the Anatot road, which runs up and down barren hills and which feels at points like a roller coaster ride, is to create an alternative to the main Jerusalem-Jericho highway.

The Jerusalem-Jericho highway is to be part of the "safe passage" linking Jericho with Gaza, and settlement activists are concerned in case that road is closed down or, for security reasons, becomes problematic to drive on.

Wallerstein said that, as a regional council head, he is legally able to construct the road without getting permission from the civil administration, but that if the IDF tells the regional council to stop construction, it will do so.

"What are they going to do," Wallerstein asked, "tell us to take the road away? If the road is illegal let them take us to court." Wallerstein said the road was built completely on state land.

The civil administration had no comment on the matter, and referred inquires to the Samaria and Judea Police District.

Peace Now issued a statement calling on the government to put an end to the "wanton and unrestrained behavior of settlers paving unnecessary roads between unnecessary settlements that harm the peace process."

Aharon Domb, spokesman for the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, said the road cost NIS 250,000 to build, with most of that coming from contributions here and abroad.

Levy stays in Likud faction

LIAT COLLINS

MK David Levy said yesterday he does not intend to leave the Likud Knesset faction, despite his Sunday announcement that he would establish his own political party.

In a meeting with Likud faction chairman Moshe Katsav, Levy said he would continue to act and vote as part of the Likud and remains faithful to the party platform.

He said if there is a problematic issue, he will consider it on its merits.

The meeting took place in the convivial atmosphere of the MKs' cafeteria, where the two sat at a window table and were occasionally seen laughing and smiling.

Levy's status is still not clear and was described by an onlooker as "an open marriage with the party."

The Likud court received a request to expel Levy and his brother Maxim for subverting the party.

Meanwhile, the Likud faction executive, after hearing a report from Katsav, decided not to demand that the Knesset House Committee expel Levy from the faction, although Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar has said this is technically possible.

If Levy does not want to leave of his own accord, the faction can only expel him with the permission of the House Committee.

"For me the parliamentary struggle against this government [is most important], and I want as many votes as possible against the government," Katsav said, adding that if Levy continues to vote with the opposition, it should be possible to avoid a conflict of interests in the immediate future.

Katsav said since Binyamin Netanyahu's race for prime minister is outside the Knesset, it should not present an obstacle for the moment.

"One needs to differentiate between my preparations for the future and my actions in the Knesset, from the point of view of my membership," said Levy. "I was elected on the Likud platform and remain faithful to it."

Labor faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen has intimated that if the Likud refuses Levy plenum time, his party will accommodate him.

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"For Israel, the way out of the mess in the south is to withdraw and commit itself to the basic principles of the peace process .... an Israeli commitment to those principles is what will bring about stability and security for all the Middle East," the daily's front page editorial added.

The newspaper welcomed a statement by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, whom it quoted as saying there could be no military solution in Southern Lebanon.

Knesset defeats no-confidence motion

THE Knesset easily rejected a no-confidence motion yesterday by a 53-40 vote in what has become an almost routine Monday afternoon plenum procedure. Yesterday's vote was filed by Tsomet over the government's handling of the military industries in general and the Rafael company in particular. *Liat Collins*

Rabbis: Halacha forbids withdrawal

MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK

JEWISH religious law forbids relinquishing any part of Israel, including the Golan, Judea, Samaria and Gaza, a group of Orthodox rabbis said in a statement on Halacha issued at a meeting in New York.

The statement, issued on behalf of the group in the name of Rabbi Avraham Shapira, the former chief rabbi, was read yesterday at a news conference.

The group, called the International Rabbinical Coalition for Israel, says it has 1,500 members in Israel and the same number in communities around the world. It was started around the time of the Oslo Accords to allow rabbinic leadership to review the new issues that were evolving, said one of the Israeli spokesmen.

The trio that presides over the organization are Shapira, Rabbi Aaron Soloveitchik, dean of the Brisk Yeshiva in Chicago, and Rabbi Joseph Gutnick, senior rabbi of Australia.

TIBI

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written in the names of various officials, some of whom have no knowledge of the correspondence.

Tibi dismissed the letters, which contain typing and grammatical mistakes, as a forgery. "It's an attempt by amateurs," he said. "The letters have so many mistakes they couldn't have been written by any self-respecting person. I know exactly who is behind this."

Samir Huleileh, a director of PECDAR whose signature appears on some of the letters, also said the correspondence is a fabrication.

"I think it is baseless and not worth commenting on," he said. "Everything here is false, including the signatures."

Harizat's family asks court for material on his death

EVELYN GORDON

THE family of Abdel Samad Harizat, who died as the result of a shaking received during a General Security Service interrogation, yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice for the right to obtain all material from the Justice Ministry's investigation of the affair.

Attorney Andre Rosenthal said the family wants the material so it can appeal Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's decision to file disciplinary, rather than criminal charges against the investigator responsible.

So far, the ministry has agreed to give the family only some of the material – photos of Harizat's brain and a pathologist's report on his eyes. The family wants the rest of the material as well, especially, the transcripts of the ministry's interviews with the GSS investigator.

Furthermore, Rosenthal said, the family wants the material immediately. The ministry, however, has said that even the items it is willing to release can be given to the family only in two weeks or more.

Since it is clear that this material – which served as the basis for the ministry's decision to file disciplinary charges – already exists, there is no reason for this delay, Rosenthal said.

The Harizat family had filed a similar petition, asking to be given the material its own pathologist, Dr. Derek Pounder of Scotland, needed to complete his report. This petition was withdrawn after the ministry issued its decision, because it did transfer some information. Since Pounder is in South Africa, he has not yet said whether this is enough for his needs, Rosenthal said.

However, Rosenthal said, the information received is clearly not enough to prepare an appeal of the attorney-general's decision.

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Shiva at the family residence, 16 Rehov Ha'oren, Caesarea.

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Hebrew U. develops faster, more accurate HIV test

JUDY SIEGEL

A SERIES of electronic sensors that instantly detect HIV antibodies, neonatal jaundice, and blood-sugar levels in diabetics has been developed by Hebrew University researchers and patented by Yissum, the university's research and development arm.

Unlike conventional tests, the sensors are reusable and have been shown to be highly accurate, the university said yesterday. They are also inexpensive.

Called amperometric immunosensory tests, they were developed by a team headed by Prof. Itamar Willner of the HU chemistry institute. He was assisted by Dr. Eugenii Katz, and by doctoral students Azalia Riklin and Ron Blinder, all three of whom received the Kaye Award for Scientific Innovation at the university's board of governors meeting yesterday.

The sensors are based on electrodes coated with chemicals that react instantly to the presence of certain biological compounds.

In the case of the AIDS virus, the coating is an antigen monolayer that can sense the antibodies to the virus.

The conventional HIV test, performed manually, takes five minutes and the results usually have to be confirmed with a more complex procedure taking six hours.

The new test is said to produce results immediately and with great accuracy and is especially useful for testing a large number of blood samples.

To detect newborn jaundice, the electrode reacts with bilirubin.

Diabetics can test their blood sugar level with another compound. Speed is important for diabetics so they can maintain suitable blood sugar levels throughout the day.

Marriage blacklist has been cut down

HERB KEINON

THE number of names on a blacklist of those forbidden for halachic reasons from marrying in this country has been cut from 4,150 to 3,800, Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau said yesterday.

Lau, along with 10 of the 14 other members of the Chief Rabbinical Council, met with Minister of Religious Affairs Shimon Shetreet yesterday to discuss his proposal to reform how the list is managed. This is the first time Shetreet has met with the council, and comes following harsh criticism by the rabbinate of Shetreets's proposals to change the administration of the blacklist.

Shetreet backed down last week from his original proposal that a registrar, and not the rabbis, have the final word on who is included in the list. Lau termed the atmosphere of the meeting "very, very good."

"It was agreed upon by everyone, including the religious affairs minister, that it was good that the issue was being dealt with, and that the criterion for inclusion on the list would only be halachic. The minister said he will not move an inch from Halacha on the issue," Lau said.

Lau told Shetreet that "no foreign body" can have a hand in marriage and divorce issues, because this would split the Jewish people and would lead to a number of different marriage registries being set up, just as there are a number of different kashruth supervisory bodies today.

Shetreet told Israel Radio after the meeting that he stands by his controversial suggestion that those unable halachically to marry in this country be sent abroad and married in civil ceremonies. "We cannot remain apathetic to those people who cannot marry according to Israeli law," Shetreet said. He said there are some 100,000 people in this category, most of them immigrants from the former Soviet Union whose Jewishness is in doubt.



Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet makes a point yesterday with Migdal Ha'emek Chief Rabbi David Grossman after the Chief Rabbinical Council met in Jerusalem. (Brian Hendler)

Treasury officials rap meddling of Foreign Ministry

EVELYN GORDON

THE Treasury and the Industry and Trade Ministry cooperate well overseas, but the Foreign Ministry's recent involvement in economic issues has thrown a wrench in the works, Treasury officials told the State Control Committee yesterday.

Last week, Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish had told the committee that Foreign Ministry officials, by meddling in matters they do not understand, seriously damaging Israel's economic interests overseas. Yesterday, the committee asked the Treasury for its opinion, since the Treasury is the third body involved in Israel's overseas economic representations.

"There are no differences of opinion between [the Treasury and the Industry and Trade Ministry] on how to run the network [of economic representations overseas]," began Dr. Ehud Kaufman, head of the Treasury's international division. However, he said, the Foreign Ministry has recently decided to get involved as well, and that has caused some difficulties.

"We now have to bring all the embassies under one umbrella [together with us], since [economics] has become their main activity," he said.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat also implied that there have been problems integrating the Foreign Ministry into the network.

Kaufman said that in some cities, the Treasury has been reducing its presence and leaving the job entirely to Industry and Trade Ministry representatives. For instance, he said, the Treasury recently withdrew its attaches in both London and Brussels.

Skin cancer a higher risk for newcomers

JUDY SIEGEL

MELANOMA, the most deadly kind of skin cancer, is likely to be diagnosed at a significantly later stage among Arabs and former immigrants – especially those from the CIS, North America, and Europe – than among native Israelis, according to the Israel Cancer Association, which has launched a Skin Cancer Awareness Week as summer begins.

Despite increasing knowledge about melanoma, over two-thirds of cases are still diagnosed at a later stage, when the tumor has penetrated lower layers of the skin and reached other organs. A quarter to half of these patients are liable to die of the disease within 10 years of diagnosis, according to the ICA. Some 400 cases of melanoma are discovered each year, comprising 3.5 percent of all new cases of cancer.

Immigrants from the former Soviet Union, who are more likely to be light skinned and unused to the intense Israeli sun, are at greater risk. Their melanoma is diagnosed at an early stage only 13 percent of the time, when at that stage, before the tumor has dangerously spread, the cure rate is 88 percent among women and 80 percent among men.

Unlike recent years, in which awareness weeks have centered on schools and at IDF bases and in the media, the current campaign will also be brought directly to people who risk overexposure to the sun's dangerous rays – at the beach.

The organizers, who include Kupat Holim Clalit, the Health Ministry and the societies of dermatologists and plastic surgeons, are making a special effort at the workplace as well. For the first time, workers at Mekorot, the water supply company, who work outdoors most of the day will hear lectures on melanoma prevention, be supplied with protective clothing and sun protection lotions, and undergo periodic eye and skin examinations.

Melanoma often develops in hidden areas, such as the scalp, on men's hairy chests and between the toes. Because they are hard to see, they are usually diagnosed late, says the ICA.

Teenagers are more aware of the risks, but many still lie on the beach during peak danger hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free skin checks will be carried out by volunteer doctors. For more information call ICA's Telemeida number, (03) 571-7888.

Kach men in new party petition court to run in Kiryat Arba poll

EVELYN GORDON

A PARTY composed largely of former Kach members yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice to run in the Kiryat Arba municipal elections.

The party, Komemiyut Yisrael, was banned by the army from running on grounds it incites to racism and is affiliated with a terrorist organization.

Four of its five candidates – Baruch Marzel, Benzion Gopstein, Noam Federman and Shmuel Ben-Yishai – were among those put in administrative detention last year after the government declared Kach an illegal organization.

The elections are slated for July 4, with the petition to be heard Thursday. It argued that the army order banning parties that incite to racism or are affiliated with terrorist organizations should be declared null and void, because it retroactively infringes on a fundamental right, and by means of secondary rather than primary legislation. The order was issued only on June 8, though parties had to submit their lists by May 8.

In a democratic society, the petition continued, people cannot be banned from running in elections because of their ideology, except when necessary for the state's preservation.

Finally, it said, the army has produced no evidence to show the new party in fact incites to racism or is affiliated with a terrorist organization.

Kinneret fish poisoned

THOUSANDS of fish were poisoned yesterday morning near where the Jordan River flows into the Kinneret.

Eating the poisoned fish is believed hazardous to one's health.

The incident occurred only a day after the area was reopened for fishing. The area is off-limits to fishermen during the spring to allow fish to spawn naturally, but some fishermen are known to have tried to fish there anyway despite the ban.

Local fishermen believe local criminal elements who use such poison in fishing to make quick profits are responsible. Several suspects were arrested, but police are still not sure those responsible were apprehended.

Researchers said the poisoning was particularly serious since it affected not only large fish but thousands of smaller ones only recently born. (Itim)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Policeman shoots man 'to calm him down'

A Jerusalem policeman was arrested yesterday after shooting a man in the leg during a quarrel between neighbors in Petah Tikva. The policeman was staying with his girlfriend, he said, when a neighbor, with whom the family had a longstanding quarrel, burst into the apartment and started making threats. The policeman told investigators he pulled his gun and shot him in the leg "to calm him down." *Itim*

Government to aid Leumit

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved NIS 155 million in aid for the financially troubled Likud-affiliated Kupat Holim Leumit. Leumit has been claiming for months that since the Histadrut-affiliated Kupat Holim Clalit received financial aid to keep it afloat, it ought to get the same, since it is also in dire straits.

The committee also approved NIS 132m. to be distributed among all the health funds, as a one-time grant to help them cope with the transition to the National Health Law. *Evelyn Gordon*

Neil Young set for Sultan's Pool

Neil Young is about to find himself in a jam. The venerable folk-rocker, whose idiosyncratic high-pitched, quavering voice contrasts sharply with his frequent use of crunching electric guitar sounds, is scheduled to appear at Jerusalem's Sultan's Pool on August 22, backed up by members of Pearl Jam, one of America's hottest bands. Only one performance is slated so far, his publicists said yesterday.

Per capita consumption of pure alcohol doubles since 1980

JUDY SIEGEL

PER CAPITA consumption of pure alcohol among Israelis has doubled to two liters a year, compared to 1980.

But it is still way behind that of Germans (12 liters) and British (seven liters).

These statistics were released this week by the Health Ministry, which is planning to participate in the World Health Organization's first international meeting of health ministers on alcohol abuse, scheduled for Paris in December.

Dr. Jorge Glaser, the ministry's director of drug abuse treatment, returned recently from a preparatory meeting in Berne. He said he expects the ministers will in December announce joint strategies for a war on alcohol abuse.

A 1993 survey of schoolchildren found that at 15, 17.2 percent of boys and 8% of girls drank beer at least once a week; 8.4% of boys and 5.6% of girls had been drunk at least twice.

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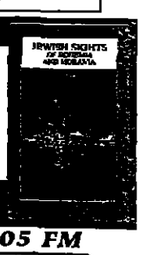
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Members of French leftist group go on trial

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PARIS

SEVEN alleged members of the leftist terrorist group Direct Action went on trial yesterday before a special court for 33 bomb attacks committed in the Paris region between 1982-86, including one that permanently maimed a passer-by.

The now-defunct French group waged all-out war on "Western imperialism", claiming six killings and 80 attacks before its alleged leaders were captured in a remote farmhouse in 1987.

Nine of the gang's members are already in prison, including five of the seven going on trial yesterday. The trial was expected to last about 10 days.

The other four are serving two life sentences each for the 1985 murder of Rene Audran, a high-ranking Defence Ministry official, and the 1986 slaying of Renault car chairman Georges Besse.

Among those seated before the seven-judge panel were Andre Olivier, 52, founder of the group's "nationalist branch" allegedly responsible for the bombings, and Maxime "Max" Frerot, 38, said to have served as the bomb-maker.

During the four-year period of attacks, the group struck at diverse targets from political party headquarters to the Defense Ministry and oil giants Elf Acquitaine and Total. It's declared mission was the "armed communist struggle for the destruction of capitalist society."

Many of the bombings occurred overnight when personnel had gone home. But a passer-by was permanently blinded and maimed in a daytime attack on the Citrus Marketing Board of Israel in 1982.

Targets, according to prosecutors, were Paris offices of the Citrus Marketing Board of Israel, the Leumi-Israel Bank, the energy firm Elf-Aquitaine, the car-maker Renault, the state-owned airline UTA and the state-owned Total oil firm.

The Lyon-based "nationalist" branch vowed solidarity with Direct Action's "international branch," but is not implicated in the assassinations carried out by that faction.

Olivier and Frerot were sentenced to life in prison in the 1989 trial which focused on a series of hold-ups billed by the group as "political financing."



The last 26 UN peacekeepers – from Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Ghana, Jordan, Kenya, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Russia – wait as their plane prepares for takeoff from Belgrade Airport yesterday. (AP)

Last 26 UN peacekeepers freed; lethal shelling of Sarajevo resumes

News agencies
SARAJEVO

THE last 26 hostages freed by Bosnian Serbs yesterday arrived at UN headquarters in Zagreb, Croatia after recalling the fear and boredom of their 23-day captivity.

There were no fresh reports on the biggest-ever government offensive to crack the siege of Sarajevo, in which the Bosnian army made some gains and at least temporarily interrupted two Serb supply routes.

The Serbs retaliated with shelling. Seven people were killed and 12 wounded when a shell smashed into a queue for water Sunday.

Yesterday a young mother was killed and her infant son seriously wounded in shelling of government-held Hrasnica, on Sarajevo's western outskirts.

Some of the released peacekeepers said that they feared for their lives at the start of their 23-day captivity.

Mark Helgers said he was told they would be shot, and ordered to take his uniform off. "I had no choice," he said. He got it back later.

More than 370 peacekeepers were seized as hostages against further air strikes after NATO planes bombed ammunition dumps near the rebel Serb stronghold of Pale on May 25 and 26.

"I was afraid of new airstrikes," said Jos Gelissen, another Dutch observer. He said he was first handcuffed to a flagpole, then close to an ammunition depot, to stave off more NATO bombing. "First days were awful, later it was boring," Gellisen said.

The 26 freed captives traveled by bus Sunday from Pale to Novi Sad, Serbia, 80 km north of Belgrade, before returning to UN headquarters in Zagreb, Croatia.

"I'm not sure whether we've been at a lower ebb than we are now," said UN spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Coward.

"There's an opportunity now where we can take some profit from the situation," he said.

The return of the hostages and pulling guards out of weapons depots on Serb-held land meant there were fewer potential hostages to prevent future vigorous action, Coward said.

"We hope that by having reestablished some security around Sarajevo for our troops that we may enter a new relationship (with the Bosnian Serbs) and gain reasonable freedom of access for the delivery of humanitarian supplies," Coward said.

Bosnian Serb forces appeared to have regained a key supply route, defeating Bosnian government forces in recent heavy fighting, a UN official who used the road above Sarajevo said yesterday.

"The road between Sarajevo and Pale is under Serb control. There are no craters and there's no damage to the road and we were able to come back without any problems," said Phil Corwin, the head of UN civil affairs in Bosnia.

United Nations officials in Sarajevo said they would try to begin a new relationship with the Bosnian Serb authorities after the release of the last hostages seized in retaliation for NATO air strikes more than three weeks ago.

The Moslem-led Bosnian government army launched an offensive around Sarajevo on Thursday to ease Serb pressure on the city.

On Friday they fought a vicious uphill battle against besieging Serbs and were thought to have won control of the road linking Bosnian Serb headquarters in Pale to a major barracks at Lukavica, south of Sarajevo.

The Bosnian Serbs denied they had lost the road, a vital link between Serb-held Sarajevo and its military support.

Government sources said on Saturday their men had blown up the road and pulled back to secure positions from where they could fire on Serb traffic attempting to use the route.

Corwin's vehicle passed Serb soldiers walking along stretches of the road. A UN official said: "It seems Serbs control the road but the Bosnian army can still shoot down on it. They just didn't shoot Corwin."

The apparent failure to cut the road suggested the Bosnian army offensive had stalled although Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic said on Sunday his forces would halt only if Serbs eased their strangulation of his capital.

Sarajevo has been mostly quiet, with the UN surprised there have been no more attacks.

Bosnian Serbs kept up their military pressure, killing at least seven civilians by firing a mortar shell into people waiting to fill water buckets at a commual tap Sunday.

US takes risks in weighing fresh nuclear tests

LONDON (Reuter) – The United States has cast doubt on a future global treaty banning nuclear tests and added to growing concerns about disarmament by announcing that it could resume underground explosions, analysts say.

Critics say the world's nuclear powers seem to be backing away from international commitments in this field, following China's recent nuclear blast and France's decision last week to resume tests in the South Pacific.

"It looks as though they're encouraging each other to renege on promises made," said Suzanna van Moyland of the independent Verification Technology Information Centre (VERTIC) in London.

"It's very bad news and a lot of non-nuclear weapons states are going to be very concerned. This is exactly the sort of thing that could encourage others to develop weapons in secret."

Jessica Mathews of the US Council on Foreign Relations wrote in a newspaper article last week that such a change of policy by Washington would be a "breathtaking breach of faith".

"It would...rob the United States of any credibility in pushing others to rein in proliferation," she wrote.

Only last month, more than 170 nations agreed at a conference in New York to make permanent a treaty preventing the spread of nuclear weapons.

The United States and its nuclear partners lobbied hard for the indefinite extension of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and won agreement from all other states by promising to disarm further and complete a comprehensive test ban treaty.

"There was a lot of goodwill at the time because a bargain was struck," said Van Moyland. "That may now be thrown away."

China and France have been widely condemned for their actions, although both argue that they still intend to complete a test ban treaty at talks in Geneva next year – a view supported by the United States, Russia and Britain.

But a decision to resume testing by the United States, owner of the world's biggest nuclear arsenal after Russia, would cause even more outrage and bring charges of hypocrisy. Washington has urged restraint on others and criticised both China and France.

Nevertheless, US Defense Secretary William Perry said Washington would decide soon whether to resume testing to make sure its weapons were safe and reliable.

Until now, the United States has said that a test ban treaty should allow it to continue laboratory experiments involving "minute" yields of just a few kg, a position broadly accepted by other countries in the Geneva talks.

But Perry said another option could be testing of nuclear bombs with yields of 100 to 200 tonnes of high explosives.

Although this would be far smaller than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki 50 years ago, arms experts say it would mean that the test ban treaty would not be a "ban" at all – but a treaty setting a threshold for continued nuclear tests.

Couple in a barrel survive Niagara Falls

TORONTO (Reuter) – An American couple who went over Niagara Falls in a barrel emerged with only minor injuries but were handed over to police yesterday after becoming the first man-woman pair to accomplish the feat.

Steve Trotter of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Lori Martin of Atlanta were treated at a hospital for minor injuries and then turned over to police, the Canadian Press news agency reported.

Their fiberglass air-tight capsule got wedged behind rocks at the base of the falls and it took rescue workers an hour to free them. Upon emerging, Trotter made the sign of the cross and then collapsed into a waiting stretcher.

"I just wanted to do one thing that no man had ever done before – take a woman, the first woman ever to go since 1901," Trotter, a bartender who made a solo trip over the falls in 1985, said from a hospital stretcher.

Asked if she would do it again, a shaken Martin said: "No, never. Once is enough."

The two were treated for shock, minor bumps and bruises after their 15-second descent down the falls, a spectacular 55-meter cascade of water that is a popular honeymoon destination.

Their stunt attracted a throng of cheering supporters, but they were then taken to jail and are expected to be charged yesterday with trespassing, criminal mischief and violations of parks law, police said.

They may be slapped with thousands of dollars in fines and prison sentences.

Their high-tech barrel was a three-meter white fiberglass capsule, wrapped with the bulletproof material Kevlar and covered in thick Styrofoam. Trotter's girlfriend, Gina Hall, told Canadian Press that it cost $25,000 and was equipped with air tanks.

Trotter and Martin were the second pair to complete the feat. Two men survived the ride down the falls in 1989.

Red-faced Simpson prosecutors try to refocus on domestic violence

LOS ANGELES (AP) – O.J. Simpson made prosecutors look foolish when he struggled in court to put on a pair of bloody gloves found at the murder scene and at his mansion. Now, the prosecution hopes to turn the tables on Simpson by returning to domestic violence evidence.

The shift back to the stormy relationship Simpson had with ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson is an attempt to change the trial's mood, said Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson:

"They want to remind jurors why they think O.J. could be guilty of this brutal crime."

But prosecutors must work carefully in revisiting this sensitive area, analysts said.

"There's now a feeling that there's a lot of (domestic) violence out there but they don't necessarily all kill their spouses," said Harland Braun, a Los Angeles defense attorney and former prosecutor.

Among the witnesses expected to testify this week is Alfred Acosta, a chauffeur who has said that in the late 1980s he picked up the Simpsons from a Beverly Hills nightclub and saw Simpson hit Ms. Simpson in the face.

Another limo driver, Albert Aguilera, was expected to testify that he saw Simpson strike his wife and knock her to the ground at Victoria Beach in 1987.

In addition, the prosecution was seeking to present testimony from Ms. Simpson's onetime baby sitter who claims the former football star stalked his ex-wife after their divorce and once called her 50 times in one day.

Defense attorneys have objected to allowing the baby sitter to testify on the grounds she was added too late to the prosecution witness list. Superior Court Judge Lance Ito has not yet ruled on the objection.

The domestic violence testimony marks a sharp departure from the lengthy physical and scientific evidence presented in recent months, capped by the prosecutors' awkward effort to tie Simpson to the gloves found near the bodies and at his house.

The prosecution had just called witnesses to show that Ms. Simpson may have unwittingly bought the killer's brown leather gloves in 1990. Then, prosecutors asked Simpson to try them on.

Simpson's struggle to jam his large hands into the bloodstained murder gloves provided jurors with a dramatic image. The defense contends the demonstration showed Simpson was not the killer.

Police quell New Jersey immigrant uprising

ELIZABETH, New Jersey (AP) – About 300 detainees at a center for illegal aliens went on a rampage for nearly six hours to protest conditions, smashing furniture and breaking windows until police stormed the building.

Nearly 200 police officers descended on the privately operated Esmor Immigration Detention Center at 6 a.m., subduing the detainees with pepper spray and freeing two guards who were held in separate areas of the facility.

A third guard hid in a ceiling crawl space until police arrived.

Police had described the seizure of the guards as a hostage situation, but Union County prosecutor Andrew Ruotolo later said the guards weren't held against their will.

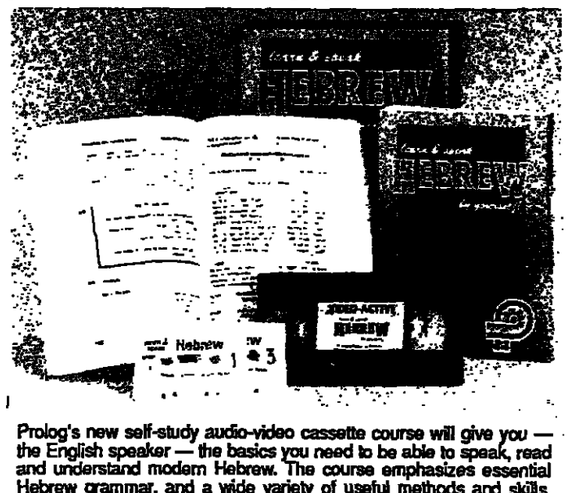
The detainees, who were awaiting deportation hearings and most of whom had applied for political asylum, caused an estimated $100,000 worth of damage to the center, making it uninhabitable. They were moved to other US immigration and Naturalization Service facilities in New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, said Michael Lapolla, a Union County prosecutor.

About 15 detainees suffered minor injuries. Lapolla said no charges had been filed, pending decisions on jurisdiction issues.

The uprising apparently stemmed from growing discontent over conditions at Esmor, Lapolla said. The center opened last August.

Former detainees at the center have complained of blaring televisions, bright lights left on 20 hours a day, spoiled food and physical abuse.

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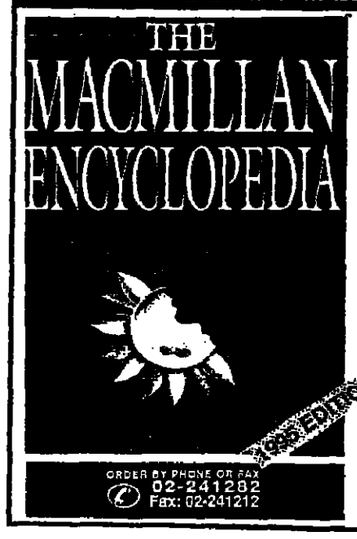
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Truckers describe Belgian blast horror

EYNATTEN, Belgium (Reuter) – Two British truck drivers described yesterday how they rescued wounded people after an explosion at a Belgian motorway restaurant which killed at least 16 people, including several children.

The truckers dragged three seriously injured people out of the restaurant after the blast before it was engulfed in flames, but watched helplessly as other victims died in the blaze.

"It was total carnage. My first reaction was to help people trying to get out," said Alan Sharpe.

Sharpe, from Nottingham, England, said he dragged three people out of the collapsed building but was prevented from doing more after fire swept it.

"We managed to get three people to the grass nearby and Alan wanted to go back in again. I looked up and the fire started. There was no way anyone could go back in," said trucker John Piff.

"There were people screaming for help and we could do nothing," said Piff, who looked pale and close to tears.

He said part of the roof collapsed as he and Sharpe approached one of the people calling out for help.

A police official said the victims included two children and Belgian media said a baby also died.

Piff and Sharpe had left the restaurant about 10 minutes before the explosion after declining the offer of a beer from another British trucker, who died in the blast.

The other known dead were 10 Belgians, a family of four Germans, and a Croatian. Their bodies were taken to the eastern town of Liege for identification.

Rescuers continued searching for victims in the blackened, smouldering ruins of the restaurant yesterday. Two cranes were lifting twisted girders to see if more bodies lay underneath.

"Inside it was horrific. People were screaming, one body hung from the ceiling," said Sharpe.

Belgium's King Albert visited the scene and later comforted relatives of the victims, silent with grief, gathered at a makeshift Red Cross center in the primary school in Eynatten.

He personally thanked the two British drivers for their rescue action, a palace spokeswoman said.

Examining magistrate Rolf Lennertz, announcing an investigation, said first indications pointed to a gas leak in the restaurant's kitchen. A criminal act was virtually ruled out.

The adjacent petrol station was damaged but was not the source of the explosion, said Bruno Fagnoul, mayor of nearby Raeren.

The restaurant manager said the explosion appeared to have occurred beneath the restaurant floor. Witnesses said the building collapsed like a pack of cards.

Three of the five employees died, including the restaurant's cook, Thierry Warnotte, 26, who was to have married his six-months-pregnant girlfriend this weekend, said restaurant manager Lilianne Jacquemyn.



Chechen rebel leader Shamil Basayev holds last-minute talks with Russian Premier Viktor Chernomyrdin (inset) before leaving the hospital he and his men captured in the Russian city of Budyonnovsk. Basayev released some hostages but, under an agreement with the Russian government, others were still being held as the rebels made their way back to Chechnya. (AP)

Hospital hostage crisis puts premier Viktor Chernomyrdin in limelight

PRIME Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin has blazed into the political limelight with unprecedented negotiations on live television to free hundreds of hostages held by Chechen rebels.

His decision to so publicly take charge of the crisis in southern Russia has intensified speculation, already running high, about Chernomyrdin's political ambitions.

The hostage crisis marks the final stage of his transformation from a colorless, if competent, bureaucrat into a political leader in his own right. Yesterday, Chernomyrdin persuaded the Chechen gunmen to free most of their hostages in the southern town of Budyonnovsk and leave for Chechnya with voluntary prisoners.

But Chernomyrdin's transformation is risky. A higher profile makes a better target, and several ambitious politicians wasted no time taking aim.

"It's disgusting," former Finance Minister Boris Fyodorov said yesterday of the televised negotiations.

If Chernomyrdin has presidential ambitions, he has kept them carefully to himself. There is speculation, however, that he would run if Yeltsin cannot or will not.

This spring Chernomyrdin formed – reportedly at Yeltsin's urging – a centrist political party. The party, "Our Home: Russia," includes many key figures in the Yeltsin administration and political commentators immediately dubbed it the "party of power."

Over the weekend, while Chernomyrdin moved to the political forefront, his boss was in Halifax, Nova Scotia, attending a Group of Seven meeting. Russian television showed him attending state dinners and going to the circus, while politicians and newspapers at home blasted him for being absent during the hostage crisis.

News agencies

MOSCOW

Six buses carrying the Chechen rebels and their civilian "human shields" from the Budennovsk yesterday evening stopped near the settlement of Kurskaya close to the border with Chechnya.

Some 10 km south of Kurskaya, the buses pulled up and turned round, before stopping again soon afterwards. Russian helicopter gunships circled low around the column, correspondents following the convoy said. A group of Russian commandoes were digging in some three km from the buses.

It was not immediately clear why the column, which had travelled about 80 km south from Budennovsk towards Chechnya, had stopped or changed direction.

Itar-Tass news agency reported that close to Kurskaya Chechen rebel leader Shamil Basayev had demanded and was given a can of motor oil.

The column left Budennovsk at about 4 p.m. after Chernomyrdin guaranteed the rebel fighters safe passage home.

Soon afterwards the hundreds of hostages who had been held for five days in Budennovsk's hospital, left the building.

"It was five days of horror," said one man as he staggered out into the sunshine, supporting another man on his shoulder. The hostages began leaving the hospital minutes after the gunmen had driven away in the buses.

Some of the more distraught women were crying hysterically as they slowly made their way out of the hospital where they had been held captive since June 14.

Frantic local inhabitants searched through the crowd for relatives and howls of relief could be heard as family members and friends were found to be safe.

The prime minister stepped into the hostage crisis after Russian troops made two failed, bloody attempts Saturday to storm the hospital in the town of Budyonnovsk.

In Canada, Yeltsin said he had authorized the attacks, which ended up killing or wounding dozens of hostages.

Chernomyrdin, by contrast, gave in to many of the rebels' demands. It seemed a sharp contrast to Yeltsin's tough stance, but aides insisted the prime minister was in close contact with the president throughout the crisis.

Chernomyrdin's decision to assume such a high profile in the hostage crisis is all the more surprising given his low profile in the seven-month Chechen war.

He appeared to be out of the loop on Chechnya, but given the war's unpopularity, out of the loop could be the right place to be in an election year. Yeltsin's already slumping popularity sank into the single digits after the war began.

British, Irish work on IRA deadlock

DUBLIN (Reuter) – British and Irish officials are working to break a deadlock over the decommissioning of IRA arms which threatens to bring a 10-month Northern Ireland peace process to standstill.

Government sources said yesterday a committee comprising top British and Irish civil servants had been trying to draft proposals which the IRA's political arm, Sinn Fein, might find acceptable.

They said the civil servants were working on the proposals long before Sinn Fein's president Gerry Adams warned at the weekend of a return to violence in Northern Ireland and broke off exploratory talks with Britain.

Adams and his de facto deputy Martin McGuinness said they would stop taking part in the talks and called on Britain to convene fully fleged all-party talks as a matter of urgency.

The Sinn Fein president said there could be a return to violence if a breakthrough was not reached before the September 1 anniversary of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) ceasefire which ushered in an unprecedented peace in Northern Ireland.

McGuinness told the BBC: "The British government themselves know there isn't even the remotest possibility of the decommissioning issue being resolved at this stage of the process."

But British officials said they stuck to their position that Sinn Fein had itself to make substantial progress towards taking out of service arms used in a 25-year against Britain before the party could be invited to new peace talks.

Sinn Fein says the decommissioning issue should be broached in round-table negotiations on a lasting settlement for Northern Ireland and not as a condition for its entry to those talks.

Even if Britain and Ireland, joint partners in the quest for peace, could break the IRA arms stalemate, the road to all-party talks is strewn with other heavy obstacles, the officials said.

Northern Ireland's Unionists, which want the province to stay British, say they will not sit down with Sinn Fein unless all IRA guns are handed over and even then might boycott the talks.

Le Pen vows to enforce anti-immigrant steps

PARIS (Reuter) – France's far-right National Front pledged yesterday to implement anti-immigrant policies without breaking the law after defying the political mainsteam to grab control of three southern towns.

Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen predicted the party's new mayors would have to battle to implement its "national preference" policy of favoring native French for jobs, housing, education and welfare.

"We will never be outside the law," said Jean-Marie Le Chevallier, the new National Front mayor of Toulon naval port.

With a population of 167,000, Toulon was the biggest town to fall to the party as it won its first durable role in local French politics after two decades of trying.

The Front, long dismissed as a fringe fascist or racist group, also captured the aerospace industry centre of Marignane, north of Marseille, and the southern Rhone valley town of Orange, previously best known for its Roman theatre and triumphal arch.

"Three stains on France," the left-leaning daily newspaper Liberation said in its main headline on Sunday's municipal elections.

Adding to the far-right gains, a former Front member and friend of Le Pen, Jacques Peyrat, was elected mayor of Nice, France's sixth largest city.

Le Pen said he expected clashes between the new Front mayors and local prefects representing central government over the the party's policy of favouring native French people.

"There will be political confrontations with the prefects," he said.

Front mayors would choose "French people instead of foreigners every time it is possible and every time it is desirable", Le Pen told La Chaine Info television.

Current government policy favoured foreigners, he added. Critics say Le Pen's policies will break discrimination laws.

Le Pen won 15 percent in the French presidential elections earlier this year with a platform that included a pledge to send home three million immigrants.

Le Chevallier told France 2 television that legal immigrants would have nothing to fear in Toulon but he hoped illegal immigrants would go somewhere else. He said he wanted to strengthen the police.

Before Sunday, the Front's only municipal success had been short-lived control of the southern village of Saint-Gilles.

President Jacques Chirac's conservatives lost their monopoly on power in the capital, which he ruled as mayor for 18 years until his election in May, but they retained a clear majority.

The Socialists captured six of the 20 Paris districts following a series of housing scandals, a setback for lackluster new mayor Jean Tiberi who succeeded Chirac a month ago and an embarrassment for the new president.

Khan-Goldsmith wedding is Britain's social event of the year

PETER MILLERSHIP

LONDON

MOSLEM Pakistani cricketing legend Imran Khan marries Jemima Goldsmith, a Jewish heiress half his age, today at a civil ceremony billed as the high point of the social season in Britain.

The marriage of Khan, a devout Moslem who was once one of the world's most eligible bachelors, and Goldsmith, a party-loving socialite who converted to Islam, has already proved a headline-grabbing mix of religion, money and sex appeal.

The ceremony will take place in the London suburb of Richmond followed by dinner in giant marquees on the lawns of the nearby mansion of her father, tycoon Sir James Goldsmith, and a midsummer ball.

"I'm very much looking forward to the big day," said the 21-year-old bride-to-be at the prospect of marrying Khan, 42, who retired from cricket after leading Pakistan to victory in the 1992 World Cup.

The 200-plus society guests and the gossip writers who report their every move may be in party mood but local officials in Richmond are filled with dread.

"Basically there's going to be a scrum. There's nothing we can do," said a spokesman for Richmond Council. "This has all the worst aspects of a royal wedding but is being regarded as a small family affair. There's going to be a cast of thousands."

Barricades are being erected, extra traffic police are being brought in and special officers will be on hand in case any groups try to disrupt the marriage of Khan and Goldsmith. Her father is also Jewish.

The two have already been married at a simple Islamic ceremony last month at Sir James Goldsmith's Paris home.

On that occasion Khan wore a traditional Pakistani outfit in brown and off-white while Goldsmith's outfit was mustard-colored. She also wore a dopota, a traditional Moslem head-covering, during the ceremony.

What the blonde heiress would wear today was still a secret.

The wedding has been under the microscope of the world's media and both Khan and Goldmsith have poured their hearts out in interviews.

How could socialite Goldmsith fit in with her husband-to-be's image as Pakistan personified? Were they the perfect match they say they are? What about Goldsmith's wealth and Khan's political ambitions?

"Never in my wildest dreams did I envisage a controversy such as this," Khan wrote in Pakistani papers.

Controversy will be forgotten today as champagne flows at the party thrown by the old Etonian Sir James Goldsmith who has amassed a fortune of more than 730 million pounds (NIS 3.5 billion), making him Britain's seventh richest man.

Princess Diana has a prior engagement but the guest list includes members of Britain's royal family as well as land-owning aristocrats and the rich and powerful.

Former US secretry of state Henry Kissinger will rub shoulders with bankers Sir Evelyn de Rothschild and Lord Hambro, Australia's richest man Kerry Packer and multimillionaire Lord White. Broadcaster Sir David Frost and Prince Rupert Loewenstein, business manager to the Rolling Stones, will also be there.

Goldsmith's friends including "Sloane Rangers" from Chelsea and friends from Bristol University will add a touch of glamor and youth. Her "hen night" with 10 close friends was an alcohol-free affair at a fashionable restaurant.

(Reuter)

Basque car bomb kills policeman

MADRID (AP) – A car bomb exploded on one of Madrid's main shopping streets early yesterday, killing one policeman and wounding six others.

The blast came shortly after the armed Basque separatist group ETA warned radio stations and firefighters of the attack.

The explosion shattered the storefronts of a large bookstore and the landmark Galerias Preciados department store about 7:15 a.m., 20 minutes after the warning calls were made.

Municipal police officer Jesus Rebollo, 38, was killed when the bomb exploded as authorities were cordoning off the area and evacuating nearby streets and stores, police said.

Six other officers received minor wounds. Authorities said the bomb was composed of 25 kg of explosives and a barrel of gasoline.

Rebollo was the fifth person to die this year in attacks by ETA, a Basque-language acronym for Basque Homeland and Liberty.

Indian killer rains replace killer heat

NEW DELHI (Reuter) – Monsoon storms caused widespread flooding in India yesterday but appeared to break the back of a three-week-long heat wave which has killed more than 550 people, news agencies said.

At least 12 people died in northeastern India, including three in landslides, following torrential rains which began arriving earlier this month with the annual monsoon, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

Six people were killed, including a worker putting a roof on a house, and three others were injured when they were struck by lightning near Aurangabad city in the western state of Maharashtra, the news agency said.

At least three people drowned on Dal Lake in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir state when storm winds tipped over five "shikara" ferry boats carrying them back from a picnic, United News of India (UNI) said.

Five people were killed in the southern state of Kerala in flooding.



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Toward civil marriages

THE Chief Rabbinical Council's decision yesterday to erase 350 names from the list of "marriage ineligibles" is, of course, welcome. If nothing else, it should dispel reports that the choice of names on the list is often arbitrary and baseless.

The existence of such a list is understandable. Within the framework of halachic law there are people who are ineligible for marriage for various religiously determined reasons. But it should be just as understandable that no free society can tolerate a situation in which people who do not believe in religious strictures would be prevented from marrying.

Credit for attempting to ease these strictures belongs to the new Minister for Religious Affairs Shimon Shetreet, who has tackled the problem with unusual political courage.

He has not been quite bold enough – at least not yet – to propose the introduction of civil marriages in Israel. But he wants to enable those who cannot marry under existing laws to go abroad at the state's expense and marry there. Foreign marriages are, of course, recognized in Israel.

Unfortunately, this is not a felicitous idea. The Israeli taxpayer should not subsidize anyone's foreign travel for the purpose of marriage, no matter how unfair the current law is. The best that can be said about Shetreet's proposal is that it serves to dramatize the absurdity of the existing situation.

The problem is not just the 3,800 names left on the Rabbinate's "forbidden" list, which include innocent offspring of illegitimate liaisons. There may be 100,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union who cannot be married in this country, because they fail to meet the Rabbinate's criteria for Jewishness. To finance their trips abroad is hardly an acceptable option, but it is even more unthinkable to relegate them to second-class citizenship by preventing them from marrying.

The religious parties are opposed even to Shetreet's tentative and mild proposals, which include – in addition to the reexamination of the list of the unmarriageable – a stricter inspection of the distribution of funds to religious institutions, the allotment of land for secular cemeteries in the major cities, and control over burial societies' salaries and expenditures. In opposing reform, they cite the "status quo" agreement David Ben-Gurion made with the religious parties soon after the state was established. But the status quo of the 1950s has been violated by both sides, and it is time to reassess the agreement.

Israel is a Jewish state, and it must do its utmost to respect, preserve, and nurture the laws and values of Judaism. But Israel would be betraying not only its democratic ideals but its future as a magnet for world Jewry if it allowed coercion to prevail on either side of the religious line.

The world rolls on

IF there is one conclusion to be drawn from the weekend summit of the Group of Seven, it is that the power of democratic leaders may be diminishing even more rapidly than anyone imagined. Whether this is good or bad must be left for philosophers and historians, but the world's voters have never been more skeptical of Great Power politics nor more cynical of its would-be players.

The net result was a final statement from the G-7 that was nothing more than a wish list. Not one of the politicians present was in a position to offer decisive action on the political or economic direction the world should take for the next or any year. It is a far cry indeed from the world of 50 years ago, when the leaders of the United States, the Soviet Union, and the United Kingdom could sit down and carve the globe into spheres of interest and action which acquiescent voters or indoctrinated masses would accept as the dictat of their betters.

As Associated Press correspondent Maureen Johnson noted in her dispatch from Halifax, Nova Scotia, "If all it took was money or military might, there's not much the club of the world's top seven industrialized nations and Russia, its honorary member, couldn't do." The complex global web of voters, lobbyists, parliaments, markets, media, and pressure groups has turned that into a very big "if."

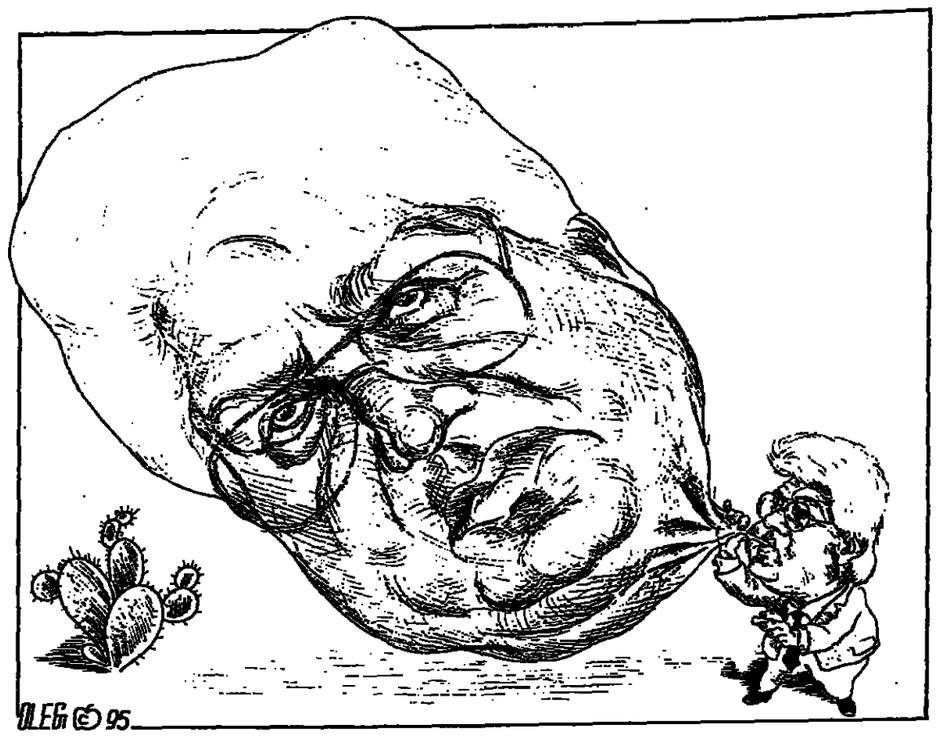
Of course, it is easy to mock this still very white middle-aged male club, which supposedly controls 90 percent of the world's military and economic power but can only issue effete and passive pleas for "an end to" wars, terrorism, poverty, unemployment, and unfair trade. But amid the mocking it is well to remember with some kindness how different it would be if the eight gathered in Halifax were powerful dictators. Many people in the G-7 countries and Russia may be frustrated by the uncertainties and pace of change in modern life, but few would swap them for the certainties of life in North Korea, Cuba, or Saudi Arabia, to name but a few well controlled societies.

It is probable that we shall have to get used to the world's leaders being able to do no more than talk about their problems. If politics is the art of the possible, then what any political leader can do may be shrinking to a vanishing point. President Bill Clinton, having made grand statements about not abandoning America's European allies in Bosnia, had to make an apologetic admission that he probably couldn't deliver a cent to help pay for the proposed European rapid action force in former Yugoslavia. The president may have been in Halifax, but the purse strings remained back on Capitol Hill.

Pledges to fight international terrorism have become a standard formula at such meetings, yet the summit leaders gave little clue on what common factors there are in Oklahoma's right-wing extremism, Chechen nationalist terrorism in Budyennovsk, or Islamic fundamentalism in the Middle East.

The decision most touted as a conference fig leaf by the leaders was the agreement to prevent another crisis like the Mexican currency collapse last December, that rattled the world financial system. Since financial crises are as notorious for their unpredictability as flu viruses, this seemed no more than a decision to manufacture a vaccine which won't work on the next outbreak.

At the end of the day, the Serbs were censured, the Russians chided, the Japanese and Americans cautioned, unemployment condemned – and the world rolled on its own unpredictable orbit as if nothing had happened. Every leader went home to some major or minor domestic crisis of his own, and the only thing that can be guaranteed before the G-7 circus rolls to Lyon next year is that not one of them will give this year's final group statement another glance in the interim.



Assad must do better

EHUD YONAY

SHIMON Peres is wrong when he says that "to remain on the Golan Heights is to give up on peace." He is also wrong when he says that trading the Golan would be "the basis for the end of war in the Middle East."

There already *is* peace in the Middle East. War ended when the Arab states lost the support of the Soviet Union and, with it, their military option against Israel.

Even without having the Golan Heights, Syria is effectively at peace with Israel. Its border is quiet. Its ability to win a war, and hence its willingness to go to war, can be considered negligible – which is the only reason it has come this far along the peace route.

Syria is a special case. Twenty-eight years ago, when Israeli troops stormed up the basalt cliffs and seized control of the Golan Heights, Israel had been in existence a scant 19 years. During those two formative decades, Syria was Israel's most tenacious, most implacable enemy.

All the Arab states were enemies, but their enmity was mostly exercised passively, through an economic boycott, or by proxy, aiding Palestinian terror groups operating from their soil.

Only Syria relentlessly and continually deployed its own guns, trying to abort the embryonic Jewish state. Its incessant shelling of border settlements forced generations of Israeli children to grow up believing that sleeping in underground shelters was normal. Its treatment of Israeli prisoners was so barbaric that those of us who were soldiers in the 1950s vowed to kill ourselves rather than fall into Syrian hands.

Syria's implacable hatred persisted in the two decades following its loss of the Golan. It joined Egypt for the jihad that was the Yom Kippur War, then turned viciously against Egypt, isolating and vilifying it for making peace with Israel.

Only the demise of his Soviet paymaster, political patron and arms supplier forced Hafez Assad to "give peace a chance." He did so grudgingly, distastefully, and gracelessly.

> Israel doesn't need the kind of peace Syria is offering

THINGS CHANGE. Israel has advanced so far economically, technologically and politically that today it is the dominant military force in the Middle East. The military equations of 28 years ago no longer hold. Considerations such as the possible return of Syrian guns to the rim of the Heights, the resumption of Syrian shelling of Jordan Valley kibbutzim, or a sneak Syrian invasion of Galilee are secondary, and easily addressed.

Syria with the Golan is no bigger a military threat to Israel than without it.

Syria has changed, too. Assad is undoubtedly serious about working out some kind of peace terms with Israel, in exchange for the Golan.

This shouldn't be taken lightly. In Assad's political and cultural community, it marks a sea change, even a cosmic upheaval. In Assad's world, merely uttering the words "full peace" – as in "full peace for full withdrawal" – can be suicidal.

But has Syria changed enough to offer Israel more than a glorified armistice – which it already has?

Assad has been very specific about what he wants from Israel: the whole Golan back, just as Egypt got back the entire Sinai. He is almost as specific about his idea of subsequent security arrangements.

But what isn't clear is whether he envisions, wants, or can deliver the kind of real peace Israel must have to even consider pulling back from any part of the Golan Heights.

Assad may settle for what Egypt got out of its peace agreement. But for Israel, the kind of cold peace it received from Egypt is no longer enough.

What Israel needs from Assad is a good-faith effort at erasing the corrosive deposits of five decades of incessant poisoning of Syrian hearts and minds against Israel.

It needs proof that Assad can and will rally his country's political, economic and cultural elites behind full peace with Israel. Not just enough peace to ensure the return of the Golan, but a complete, eight-cylinder peace agreement, with all it implies.

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Back to work

YOSEF GOELL

ELECTIONS to the 14th Knesset may be 17 months away, but preparations for the event are already well afoot.

Last week a ministerial committee decided to refer the decision on one long-standing proposal to the full cabinet. The issue: abolishing the established custom of election day as a day off work and school.

Election day has been a national holiday since the elections to the First Knesset in January 1949.

Originally, this was part of the heady exhilaration that informed anything to do with the renewal of Jewish sovereignty after 2,000 years. That and the more prosaic need of the party operatives to make a last-ditch effort to get "their voters" to the polling stations.

In time the chief rationale for continuing to make election day a national holiday became the politicians' profound conviction that they needed to field tens of thousands of activists for an entire last day of frenetic activity aimed at ensuring that as many Israelis as possible voted – hopefully the "right way."

Over the past few decades an additional argument has been wheeled out.

Since the overwhelming majority of polling stations are in schools, the argument goes, classes must be closed down for the day and children kept home – which means that their parents also need to stay home to look after them.

But the time has come to abolish the practice.

The main reason is that Israel already suffers from a plethora of holidays, all serving as excuses to take off from work and study.

Not only is there no need to add to the roster of these "days off"; it is essential that the existing list be pared down wherever possible.

> There's no reason why election day should be a national holiday

A RECENT study comparing the economies of 14 developed countries shows that Israel ranks last both in per-capita gross domestic product, and in per-capita productivity. We are the poorest of those countries not because we are the least able, but because we are the least productive.

Why are we the least productive? Because we have among the lowest rates of participation in the labor force, and we work the fewest days during the year.

On the positive side of things, we have one of the highest voter-participation rates among the world's democracies, which includes the 14 richest noted above. The proportion of Israelis who consistently turn out to vote is significantly higher than in most democracies.

After 13 national elections, it should be obvious that this statistic is a reflection of our political culture rather than merely the convenience of having the day off.

There is no need to open the polling booths in the schools at seven in the morning. Schools, which normally have classes only until 1 or 2 p.m., could easily be turned into polling stations from mid-afternoon on. Voting could continue until close to midnight.

And party operatives shouldn't kid themselves that their final frenetic push to grab the votes of their faithful on election day makes that much of a difference.

First of all, it has become virtually impossible to identify just whose "faithful" specific voters are, especially in this era of profound popular disgust with all the parties.

Secondly, voters make up their minds largely as a result of long-term exposure to the parties' records in the media, and the short-term impact of campaign-period TV.

Turning election day into a normal work and study day should form part of a much broader drive to shorten the duration of campaign periods as far as possible.

This is essential in order to reduce the scandalously high party campaign costs, and the unavoidable corruption funding them entails.

The writer comments on public affairs.

Without lies or rhetoric

MARILYN MAGEN

SOME people in this country are beginning to believe that you will easily win the next elections. Good. Many of us want to vote Likud, mainly to see the end of Labor/Meretz.

Frankly, this is really the only reason we want to vote Likud. You obviously know how the electorate feels about the Likud's previous performance, which induced us to throw you out.

We have no faith that the party has reformed; what's more, we see no real evidence that you have plans to reverse the disaster created by the present government. We do hear a lot of talk from you – but that's not going to satisfy us any more.

Hundreds of thousands of us believe that the Rabin/Peres regime has significantly weakened the country – not only strategically, but also with respect to our image abroad and our self-image. We appear to have reverted to a frightened, cringing, appeasing nation which has lost the determination to protect its own, or even to fight back when attacked.

Zionism has become unfashionable; we have no ideology except for materialism; and our youth has lost its passion for anything at all.

We know all this. You know all this.

If you don't – if your high position insulates you – I suggest you start getting out more, not to shake hands or make speeches, but to take a look at your country's real condition.

Yes, many of us want to vote Likud. But only if you:

- can show us, without lies or rhetoric, that you have concrete plans to protect your people from massacre by Arab terrorists;
- can show us, without lies or rhetoric, that we will keep the Golan as part of Israel;
- can show us, without lies or rhetoric, your concrete plans to resolve the situation of our fellow Jews in Gaza;
- can spell out, without lies or rhetoric, your concrete plans for Judea and Samaria;
- can show us, without lies or rhetoric, how you plan to reverse the insane program of building Arab roads, impossible to police, crossing our country from Gaza to the West Bank;
- can spell out, without lies or rhetoric, how you plan to hold all of Jerusalem and solve the problems created by its Arab population;
- can prevent the entrance into the Knesset of more Arab parties;
- can seriously attempt to create a government free of corruption and stop the nepotism, musical chairs and laissez-fairism which are destroying our country.

> Let's have some serious answers, Bibi, if you want to be premier

YOU WON'T get our votes unless you can show us concrete plans to push through all the political mud and create a better health-care system, rescue our failing educational system, stop drugs coming in and create an employment situation which doesn't depend on enemy labor.

We're sick of stop-gap, seat-of-the-pants solutions. Our politicians, as well as being corrupt, seriously lack foresight. In fact, they can't seem to see further than a few days ahead.

We're desperately unhappy with the Labor/Meretz government and ideology.

But we'd rather keep them in if you're going to be just as bad, or worse. We don't want you if you have no plans; if you have no strength or determination; if you're just going to play games with our lives; if you're out for personal gain; if you have no Zionism.

We don't want you, Bibi, if all you want is to be prime minister.

We want you to lose some sleep thinking seriously about all these issues. No vacations. No soccer. No TV. We want you to insist that your cronies and henchmen also lose sleep. We don't want an answer on these pages next week; we want answers – serious ones – three or four months from now.

We want a serious government, finally, one that cares about the future of this country and its people.

If you don't fit the bill – or can't convince us that you do – don't ask us for our votes come election time.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAT ROBERTSON'S VIEWS

Sir, – In their article of May 25, "Two faces," Norman Lear and David Ramage of People for the American Way launched a failed attempt to demean and discredit religious broadcaster Pat Robertson through distortions and the use of statements out of context.

First, Mr. Robertson is an outspoken critic of antisemitism and longtime defender of Israel and the Jewish people. The record is clear:

On the pages of *The New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*, Mr. Robertson has strongly condemned antisemitism and expressed regret to those who were offended by language in his 1991 book, *The New World Order*. In an April 12 column in the *Wall Street Journal*, Mr. Robertson wrote: "It saddens me to think that my words could ever be seen as anything but pro-Jewish. That was never the message, never my heart."

In his 1990 book, *The New Millennium*, Mr. Robertson decries a rising tide of anti-Jewish feeling the world over and writes that "we must ensure that the trend throughout the 1990s remains in favor of a Jewish homeland in Israel and not for the elimination of the Jews."

Over the years, Mr. Robertson has lobbied for Israel, and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to Jewish interests and organizations – including Operation Exodus, a resettlement effort of Russian Jews.

Lear and Ramage are equally wrong about Mr. Robertson's view on the separation of church and state. Consider the facts:

In 1991, on CNN's *Larry King Live*, Mr. Robertson said: "I think it [the separation of church and state] is far better. You look at Europe where they have established churches and they are really dying out. We have a much healthier church here in America, free from government money.... But I don't think the Constitution requires government to be opposed to religious faith."

Finally, Mr. Robertson respects all religions. While he strongly embraces the tenets of Christianity, he does not force his beliefs on anyone.

Clearly, People for the American Way has targeted Mr. Robertson because of his political views. Unfortunately, they are using religion as a weapon in this campaign.

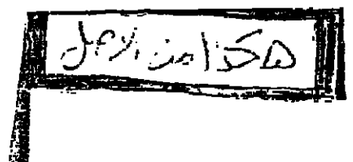
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VISIT TO ORIENT HOUSE

Sir, – Is it not very strange that the foreign minister of Ireland insisted on visiting Orient House? For over 70 years, Ireland has protested worldwide at the partition of the "island of Ireland." Ireland has always proclaimed at the League of Nations, the United Nations and every available international forum that partition is no solution. Rather it only exacerbates and prolongs the strife. If it were not for partition, Ireland would have been at peace a long time ago. As one of their many dead patriots said, "Ireland divided shall never be at peace."

Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring is the first foreign minister of that country to visit Israel. He is very welcome for many reasons, not least because he is a good friend of Israel and there is a great similarity between our two countries. It therefore appears strange that Mr. Spring encourages the partition of Jerusalem when he knows full well what it has led to in his own country. Does he not feel slightly embarrassed?

DANIEL BRISCOE, M.D.
Ramat Gan.



Diff'rent vocals, diff'rent focals

NEW RELEASES

TIRZAH AGASSI

Stand up
you've got to manage
I won't sympathize
anymore
and if you complain once more
you'll meet an army of me.

SO warns Björk in the first lyrics of *Post* (Helicon), her second solo recording.

It is quite a powerful opening thrust from the Icelandic alternative diva, whose wildly original *Debut* (Helicon) was a double-platinum sensation.

(The 29-year-old former lead singer of the Sugarcubes is scheduled to perform on August 29 at the Caesarea Amphitheater.)

Björk's intense, instantly recognizable vocal is delivered over a driving dance beat. It is not catchy in the traditional sense, and yet, it catches. As the disk's first single, it is likely to boost the recording and make it a big seller. Familiarity may, in turn, breed affection.

This is not the easiest album to love. Björk is as idiosyncratic as she was on her startling first album. Her vocals are oddly strangled, growling and screeching in an insistent way to convey her avant-garde observations. There greatness in her no-holds-barred experimentation and the music that backs her provide what is often a gorgeous, seductive soundscape. But hers is an uncompromising seduction.

Björk is unapologetically weird. And if you can't keep up, she implies, it's *your* problem. This attitude can be wonderful, but it gets a bit tiring.

Much of the album expresses ambivalence about letting a permanent lover into her life. And this is precisely what she acts out with the listener, the most entertaining exploration of the dilemma being her off-the-wall interpretation of 1940s' Hollywood star Betty Hutton's "Blow A Fuse," which is blended into her own "It's Oh So Quiet." This is likely to be the second single. And, unlike many of the other cuts, it has the makings of an instant hit.

Like members of Britain's trip-hop school – Massive Attack, Portishead and Earthling (whose *Earthling Radar* was misattributed to the Beastie Boys in last week's column) – Björk is riding the crest of an intellectually astute experimental wave.

The musicians she works with are gifted and sophisticated. They are in control of classical strings, heartbreaking harp and beautiful horns, as well as their jungle grooves.

And Björk makes memorable observations like, "in a heartful of dust lives a creature called lust." But you could hardly call this gang listener friendly. Letting them into your consciousness is like living with an extremely demanding lover. Nonetheless, Björk is undeniably brilliant. The sounds she is experimenting with will probably trickle down into the formulas of the mainstream quickly.

MEANWHILE, middle-of-the-road diva Alison Moyet, who is much less refined and innovative than Björk, offers up a collection called *Singles* (NMC) which makes for decidedly easier listening. A greatest-hits selection that includes material from her last six albums plus four new songs, it shows Moyet to be a comfortable companion.

Those who are stimulated by Björk's often-inspired experimentation may find Moyet's catchy hooks and upbeat arrangements to be drearily predictable. But this is definitely Moyet's territory.

She works well within the standard pop format and fills it out with her fine, full voice and plenty of unsentimental heart and soul. Though the songs' statements are uncomplicated, they are rarely trite.

Moyet is a sturdy, middle-browed woman from Essex who has the guts to tackle Roberta Flack's masterpiece, "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face," and actually succeed. Other tracks include Moyet's standouts "All Cried Out," "Weak In the Presence of Beauty" and "Whispering Your Name." Hers is not art with a capital A, but it is exceptionally well crafted and emotionally satisfying.

Björk and Moyet: nouvelle cuisine and solid home cooking. Take your pick.



Icelandic singer Björk is unapologetically avant-garde, and if you can't keep up, she implies, it's *your* problem.

Director breaks silence

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

OFIRA Henig hates ceremonies. She also hates interviews, which is why she has kept away from journalists for nearly two years, ever since leaving her position as house director at Habimah.

Now Henig is directing Bertolt Brecht's *The Wedding* for the Jerusalem Khan and is at long last willing to break her public silence in order to speak about her profession, the production, the theater and society in general.

She is willing to reveal nothing about her personal life.

"These were four very important years," she says of her time at Habimah, as she enjoys a cold drink and a cigarette at the Khan restaurant one recent afternoon.

"Habimah was actually the first place I ever worked as a professional director, and I had a great time there. But something happened to me and I was afraid that I became dormant. Now I feel that I have at long last learned my craft. I'm a craftswoman, and the time has come to move on from a mere professional director who can produce successful shows on call to an artist who has something real to say about life. I'm past the time in which I made good shows and everybody was happy."

She insists, though, that her departure from Habimah had nothing whatsoever to do with the upheaval at the national theater.

"I left just before the great mess began, just before [former artistic director] Gary Bilu came on the scene."

What she did not like much at Habimah was being told what kind of a director she was and what kind of productions she should be involved in.

"They used to decide for me what plays I would do and in what way I should do them. I was also a member of the artistic committee there, and when suddenly the repertoire featured some plays I could not agree with, I felt the time had come to leave."

Since leaving Habimah, Henig directed two productions for the Beersheba Theater: Tennessee Williams's *Summer and Smoke* and Willy Russell's *Educating Rita*. Both bore her very personal stamp of a sensitive director who has respect for both the text and the actors.

She has nothing but compliments for everyone involved in *The Wedding*.

Eran Baniel, the Khan artistic director, "listened to what I have to say about the play and didn't tell me what to do. Now I feel like I'm creating from scratch, and it's really exciting."

The Wedding is one of Brecht's earlier works in which he lashes out at anything bourgeois.

"It is not only against the bourgeois but also against the family," Henig says. "This play enables me to touch the deepest taboo of family life, the couple, the man and woman who are the nucleus of the family. It is a play with many specific situations, and I took each situation to the utmost and sharpened each and every physical and psychological moment."

Henig sees television as a threat to the theater.

"In this infantile era of our Second Channel, we must continue to do real theater without any attempt to reach the audience through so-called television style. Israeli society suffers today from a catastrophe. We must get over this phase in which we imitate American television, and eventually return to true authentic creation.

"I'm not going to lower my standards and my beliefs to bring in a larger audience. When someone comes to see a show I direct, they have to know how to listen. It's not that I'm not communicative."

She is aware that the message of the play, if not of her production, will be highly controversial.

"Brecht leaves no one out of his scrutinizing attack. The entire evening is built around two major recurring themes: the food, which is the basis of the wedding ceremony, and the furniture, built by the husband, which continually breaks. It is a play filled with filthiness and beastliness."

Funny in French, not Hebrew

THEATER REVIEW

NAOMI DOUDAI

LE DINER DE CONS
(Simpleton to Dinner)

By Francis Weber. Hebrew, Avi Korcn. Direction, Leslie Lawton. Set, Douglas Heap. Costumes, Michal Laor. At Beit Liessin Theater, Tel Aviv. Hebrew title: *Idiot Le'arucha*.

Francois ..... Avi Oria
Pierre ..... Moshe Beker
Marlene ..... Dorit Peled

A splashy production in the lighthearted style of French boulevard comedy, Beit Liessin's *Le Diner* has almost everything it takes to emulate the two-year run of the Paris hit.

A cast of impeccable actors, a well-known British comedy director, a plush Parisian interior (done by the same British designer who did *Funny Money* at Beersheba), and an opulently modish wardrobe would seem enough for any well-cooked comedy.

Yet despite a story that is farcically funny, and situations, characters, and complications, all in the most Molieresque vein, the essentially French sophistication of the text suffers in transference to Hebrew.

It's not that present-day Israelis will have any difficulty recognizing Pierre, the cynical yuppie protagonist, his affluent surroundings, acquisitive tastes, or callous contempt for simpletons of a less arriviste order. The ridicule is rich. The satiric intent comes over acutely.

So perhaps it is the wit and elegance of language that loses something in translation. Frequently, it also slows down the impact of a frantically funny and fast-paced direction.

For all that, at the slapstick level Moshe Becker as the Man with the Bad Back and the sadistic sense of humor is caught up in bouts of excruciating pain that trigger off bouts of equally excruciating laughter. Avi Oria is the naive simpleton Francois, the intended victim of his baiting at a smart dinner party for the boys. Oria, trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, gives a deft, dovetailed performance that steals this show with its sunny warmth, understated humor, and quirky charm.

Dorit Peled, returning to our stage after an absence of some years, is ravishing in the role of the scatty nymphomaniac Marlene, Pierre's clairvoyant, Buddhist, brainwashed mistress.

'Shy' Sinead O'Connor flashes her talent, not temper

SINEAD O'Connor delighted some fans and disappointed others. Those who had hoped for a display of her infamous temperament instead found a very young woman intent on beautiful singing.

O'Connor (whose once-bald pate is now crowned with short hair) limited her patter and actually confessed that she felt shy in front of so many people. Her vocals were strong, however, clear and marvelously musical, demonstrating the benefits of her recent training in bel canto.

O'Connor's delivery of extremely personal material – most of it from her latest disc *Universal Mother* (NMC) – was direct and affecting. The band (which included two women) really kicked on several numbers, noticeably "Famine" and "Fire On Babylon."

Much of the show was quiet and included a cappella music, which some found a bit dull. But O'Connor's courage, integrity and sheer talent were highly impressive.

Sultan's Pool, Jerusalem, June 15.

Tirzah Agassi

IF CONVULSIVE movements are indications of passion, then the New Israeli Opera's revivals of Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana* and Leoncavallo's *Pagliacci*, directed by Christopher Alden, were extremely passionate.

The vocal indications in *Cavalleria Rusticana* were not always so unambiguous. Stefano Algieri, as Turiddu, did not do justice to his radiant tenor by being in a hurry. For example, his rendition of the "Drinking Song" was too breathless.

As Santuzza, Kathryn Harries's expression was often too exaggerated and unsteady to sound as moving as expected, and baritone Boaz Senator was too pale to sound convincing as the furious, betrayed husband Alfio. Susanna Waleson's somewhat insignificant mezzo-soprano and stage presence did not lend much substance to Lola.

In *Pagliacci*, Michal Shamir's light, bright-timbred soprano created a lovable Nedda, and LeRoy Villanueva's enjoyable baritone made a credible, love-struck Silvio. Tenor Bechar struck a pleasant, lighthearted note as Arlecchino, but as Canio, tenor Jon Fredric West was too theatrical to be tragic.

The final killing scene, and the resurrection of the murdered Nedda and Silvio, turned the tragic climax into a farce.

The Opera Chorus sounded tired at first, but returned after the intermission with more vigor.

Conducted by Asher Fisch, the Rishon Lezion Orchestra sounded clamorous and lacking in dynamic nuances. It was so preoccupied with sticking to a metronomic beat that no room was left for any tension.

Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, June 12.

Ury Eppstein

CONCERT ROUNDUP

A PARTICULARLY valuable contribution of the Belgian I Fiamminghi Orchestra, conducted by Rudolf Werthen, was Arvo Pärt's *Fratres*. The work erects an arch-like tonal structure: an incessantly recurring melodic pattern, moving above a constant bass drone, gradually increases in volume up to a climax and then recedes again.

In Belgian composer Gabriel Verschraegen's *Three Flemish Dances*, solo oboist Joris van den Hawe played with agility, producing an agreeable, polished sound.

Rubinstein Competition first-prize winner Alexander Korsantiya from Georgia was the soloist in Mozart's Concerto K.595. His performance showed him to be a pianist of phenomenal talent.

The energies and tension in Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 were realized with sensitive restraint.

Jerusalem Theater, Israel Festival, June 9.

Ury Eppstein

THE ETHNIC minorities of Estonia, represented by the Estonian Philharmonic Choir conducted by Tonu Kaljuste, are not merely "Forgotten People," as Veljo Tormis's song cycle is entitled. They possess a distinct musical tradition.

Both the songs and their rendition by the choir were enchanting. The songs, mostly consisting of short, repetitive melodic patterns, possibly harking back to ancient pre-Christian, shamanist sources, often create an almost hypnotic effect. Others are infectiously dance-like, while some are mischievously amusing.

YMCA Auditorium, Jerusalem, Israel Festival, June 3.

Ury Eppstein

THE CLICHE of Nordic coolness was effectively dispelled by the passionate playing of the New Helsinki String Quartet.

The quartet's performance of Schubert's *Allegro Assai* op. posth., in true Romantic spirit, offered a foretaste of what was to follow. In Seter's extremely intricate and personal Quartet No. 2, the musicians displayed their remarkable ability to absorb a new work from a relatively remote musical culture.

They brought more pep and excitement to Ravel's String Quartet than is commonly attributed to this esthetician of a composer.

Their distribution of the vehement eruptive energies of the fast movements of Bartok's String Quartet No. 5 was impressive. They also put the work's meditative and ironic parts in their natural perspective.

Jerusalem Theater, Israel Festival, June 4.

Ury Eppstein

THE FIRST local performance of Richard Strauss's *Rosenkavalier Suite*, in the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's Subscription Concert No. 10 conducted by *Sergiu Comissiona*, was particularly welcome. Unfortunately, the JSO sounded boisterous, making the elegant cavalier appear heavy, not quite getting off the ground, even in the waltz episodes.

All the excitement, energies and lyricism were there in Joseph Kalichstein's rendition of Schumann's Piano Concerto. And the tempi carried the full force of conviction.

Brahms's Serenade No. 1 tended toward the ponderous. Indeed, the scherzo movements carried a similar weight to the adagio. And the minuet, though accurately played and on beat, was too serious.

Jerusalem Theater, June 14.

Ury Eppstein

VIOLINIST Catherine Cho shed new light on the Dvorak Violin Concerto in her local debut with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra. The 25-year-old American's tone was somewhat melancholic, especially in the second movement.

Her mature reading was filled with the recognition of man's finiteness in contrast with the infinite beauty and vastness of nature.

After the intermission, Christian Mandeal led the HSO in Bruckner's Third Symphony in a loud, obtrusive performance that lacked sensitivity and finesse.

Heichal Hatarbut, Kfar Sava, June 15.

Michael Ajzenstadt

TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON CHARTS	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	NEW	1	MICHAEL JACKSON	HIStory
#2	NEW	1	BJORK	POST
#3	4	14	ARIK EINSTEIN	FILLED WITH LOVE
#4	5	11	RAMI KLEINSTEIN	APPLES AND DATES
#5	1	7	MEIR ARIEL	CHARCOAL DRAWINGS
#6	3	5	AVIV GEFEN	SHUMKUM
#7	6	4	FILM SOUND TRACK	1492
#8	2	2	GLYKERIA	FAR, FAR AWAY
#9	13	5	ADIEMUS	SONGS OF SANCTUARY
#10	7	3	PINK FLOYD	PULSE
#11	10	10	COMEDY STORE	COMEDY STORE
#12	9	24	FILM SOUND TRACK	PULP FICTION
#13	12	3	DEEP FORREST	BOHEME
#14	14	3	BOAZ SHARABI	YOU ARE THE NIGHT TO ME
#15	8	10	TEA PACKS	YOUR LIFE IN A BIG PITA

Tower Records' top-selling albums for the previous week. RE – re-entry

Filipino 'ambassadors' keep one step ahead of bamboo sticks

DORA SOWDEN

DANCE REVIEW

FORTY Filipino university students on a world tour danced and sang at the Noga Theater in Tel Aviv on June 11 with utterly captivating panache.

Under a conspicuously efficient director, their tribal dances had an effervescent vigor and their singing was at its best in strictly "serious" items like Mozart's "Alleluia" and Jacob Gallus's "Musica." Their "Jerusalem of Gold," in Hebrew, was moving.

The dancers, in tribal costuming – the men naked except for broad panels front and back and feathered headdresses; the woman fully clothed in finely embroidered garments, manipulating fans and wearing headgear similar to fans – moved with grace.

Equally exciting was their traditional barefooted dance between bamboo poles moving at increasing speed.

HABAMA, in Jerusalem's Talpiot neighborhood, has established itself as a showcase for dancer/choreographers.

One of its latest ventures was a two-program event on June 5-6, with two performances each day.

Not all the participants were newcomers. Anat Shamgar, for instance, is already well known for her "improvisations." Shamgar's solo, *Monologue*, had less than her usual inventiveness, lacking sufficient stimulus from the recorded music of Luigi Nono.

Gal Alster contributed two solos, one heavily acrobatic, the other light-footed, both accompanied by trombonist Shlomi Alster.

A special achievement was Yael Shani's quartet (music by Ziv Aitan), in which four women made movements using the Noa Eshkol-Amos Hetz methods. Emanuel Gat chose Bach, while Sagit Gelman included Tibetan sounds. Two other soloists were Ruthy Weinschenk and Einat Cohen.

DESIGN A POSTER COMPETITION

The Event, the largest gathering of English speaking Israelis, will take place again this year on Tuesday, October 10 (Hol Hamoed Succot) at the Wingate Institute.

Some 10,000 visitors are expected for a day of family fun, sport and entertainment.

The Event Committee invites artists to submit designs for The Event poster. All designs should be in color, in a size proportionate to 70 x 50 cm. They should be submitted to The Event, Poster Competition, BOS, 76 Ibn Gvirol, Tel Aviv 61162, by July 1, 1995.

The Event Committee will select the winning design, but does not undertake to choose any design, and their decision will be final.

The winning design will become the property of The Event Committee, to be used as they see fit. All other designs will be returned, if they are sent with a stamped, addressed return envelope.

The designer of the poster chosen will be awarded a prize of a free air return ticket to London, courtesy of Ophir Tours, Israel's leading travel agent.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Lannet shares surge 21.3% after merger with Madge

Combined group will create $1.1 billion company

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

SHARES in local area networking company Lannet surged 21.3 percent to 23.5 in New York trading yesterday after it announced plans to merge with Madge, a Dutch-registered company based in the UK and listed in the US.

The combined group will create a $1.1 billion company, the fifth-largest networking group in the world.

The companies announced yesterday they have signed a letter of intent for an arrangement whereby Madge will acquire all of Lannet's shares.

According to the agreement, Lannet shares will be exchanged for new Madge shares at a purchase price of $27.50 per Lannet share, or about a total of $300 million.

Madge and Lannet are both engaged in supply of communications and data equipment.

Madge is a leading supplier of Token Ring networking technology and products, while Lannet is a leading innovator and provider of Ethernet-switched networking solutions.

The company's products are expected to complement each other.

Lannet is considered one of the local high-tech industry's flagship firms.

After the merger, the company will maintain its existing key facilities and continue operations here as a division of Madge.

The company will operate under the general management of Shmuel Levy, currently vice president of research and development at Lannet.

Lannet president and CEO Benny Hanigal will join Madge's corporate management group as senior vice president in charge of product divisions worldwide.

Hanigal will report to Marc Jones, group president and chief operating officer. Yehuda Zisapel, chairman of the Lannet board, will serve on Madge's board.

Madge chairman and CEO Robert Madge said Lanoptics will help Madge become a major vendor of switched networking for large organizations. He said the merger will enable Madge to combine its Token Ring switching technology with Lannet's Ethernet switch ports.

"To address the networking requirement of the world's largest users of information technology as they evolve toward end-to-end switched ATM networks, Madge must continue to increase its product offerings," Madge said.

According to International Data Corporation, the growth in Token Ring and Ethernet switching is projected to produce revenue of $597m. this year and $1.2b. by 1998.

Infonetics research estimates ATM Lan switch revenue will reach $77m. this year and $921m. by 1998.

Madge said Lannet's expertise in networking systems sales, support and international VAT network complement Madge's sales and support operation – which works directly with end-user customers worldwide.

Madge currently serves customers from four locations in 20 countries.

"By leveraging Madge's strong global infrastructure and outstanding customers support, we will be able to introduce our advanced innovative technologies to new customers worldwide and further penetrate new markets," Hanigal said.

The deal is subject to the approval of the boards of directors and shareholders of both companies.

Oscar Gruss analyst Avivit Manet told Reuter this was a good deal for Lannet shareholders. "It's a good premium," she said.

She noted this was a multiple of 27 times analysts' 1995 earnings forecast of $1.00 a share, compared with $0.68 a share last year.

Lannet reported sales of $21.9m. in the first quarter with a net profit of $2.43m.

'Hevrat Ha'ovdim must return pension funds, despite legal opinion'

EVELYN GORDON

THE State Comptroller's Office rejects a legal opinion saying Hevrat Ha'ovdim does not have to return some NIS 400 million to the Histadrut pension funds, the Knesset State Control Committee was told yesterday.

This sum was lost over several years due to unlinked, low-interest loans the funds gave the Histadrut holding company.

After comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat opined that this money should be returned, the Treasury instructed the pension funds to obtain a legal opinion as to whether they can sue Hevrat Ha'ovdim for its recovery.

After the funds obtained an opinion saying they could not, however, the Treasury said its hands were tied.

"The State Comptroller's Office does not accept this opinion," responded Aaron Siegel, deputy head of the office's Treasury division yesterday.

MK Shaul Yahalom (NRP) charged that the legal opinion was suspect in any case, because it had been jointly commissioned by the funds and Hevrat Ha'ovdim.

Meir Shavit, head of the Treasury's capital markets division, said he was not aware of this, because he had never read the opinion.

"That's appalling!" Yahalom responded.

Committee members were also shocked when Finance Minister Avraham Shohat revealed that the Bank of Israel did not even attend the cabinet meeting at which the Treasury's pension reform plan was approved.

Only now is the central bank examining the Treasury's estimates of how the plan will influence the capital market and other aspects of the economy, Shavit said. He also said the Treasury will publish data about the costs of the program and the actuarial balances of all the funds next year.

Shohat added he would look into ways of implementing the comptroller's demand that the costs of the program be included in the budget.

Shavit said the total cost of the Treasury's pension plan will be NIS 69.8 billion – but over the next 80 years. He estimates the costs at about NIS 1b. annually for the first 40 years, NIS 2-2.5b. a year for the next 10 and NIS 500m. annually for the remaining 30.

Siegel said one problem was there are certain tax benefits to not joining a pension fund. Removing these tax disincentives might encourage more people to join, he said.

Committee chairman David Magen (Likud) reiterated his request that Ben-Porat prepare a special report on the funds, because the committee has the right to establish a state commission of inquiry into any matter which is the subject of a special report.

At first, Ben-Porat appeared reluctant, saying she has written about the subject enough in her regular reports and will continue to do so. Eventually, however, she agreed to consider the idea.

US request for regular apple imports rejected

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ISRAEL will not agree to a US request to approve regular import of apples, Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur said yesterday in a letter to the US Ministry of Agriculture.

The letter was sent in response to US Agriculture Minister Dan Glikman's proposal that Tsur remove barriers to trade on agricultural produce.

Glikman recommended that Tsur approve permanent import of apples as a first stage.

Tsur said Israel agreed to import apples this year on a temporary basis because of the previous winter's natural disaster, which destroyed about 40 percent of the crops.

Tsur emphasized that there is usually an over-supply of apples on the market.

In the letter, Tsur said growing fruit – especially apples – is one of the major sources of income among Golan and Galilee farmers.

Illit posts net profit in first quarter

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

INSURER *Illit* completed the first quarter with a net profit of NIS 149,000, compared with a net loss of NIS 593,000 in the corresponding period last year.

In the reported period, the company's total premiums surged to NIS 28.8 million from NIS 9.9m.

Earnings from the elementary insurance sector turned around to NIS 137,000, compared with a loss of NIS 982,000.

Illit is among the smallest insurance companies in the sector. Last year the UK-based Prudential sold the company to a group of investors made up of Avraham Rinot, who serves as the company's manager; Phillip Zuckerman; and Carmel Bank and businessman David Savit.



$100 million in deals expected at Haifa's Fifth Business Conference

CARL ALPERT

BUSINESS deals totaling some $100 million are expected to be made at the Fifth Business Forum and Conference, according to forum chairman Eitan Adres.

Almost 800 businessmen from 25 countries are attending the three-day event, which opened in Haifa yesterday.

The conference includes ceremonies, workshops speeches from top local figures and a Business Opportunities Fair at Haifa University.

More that 180 Israeli business and industrial concerns are presenting their wares there, seeking export markets or investment capital.

The US and Canada lead in the number of overseas participants – including Ralph Klein, premier of Alberta; Paul Bauman, deputy chairman of Johnson and Johnson; Kewell president Jack Miller; and Tony Porter, vice president of Hilton International.

There were also sizeable delegations from Uruguay, Turkey, Singapore, Ghana, England, France, Switzerland and Germany. Environment officials from Egypt and Jordan are also in attendance, as is one Kuwaiti businessman.

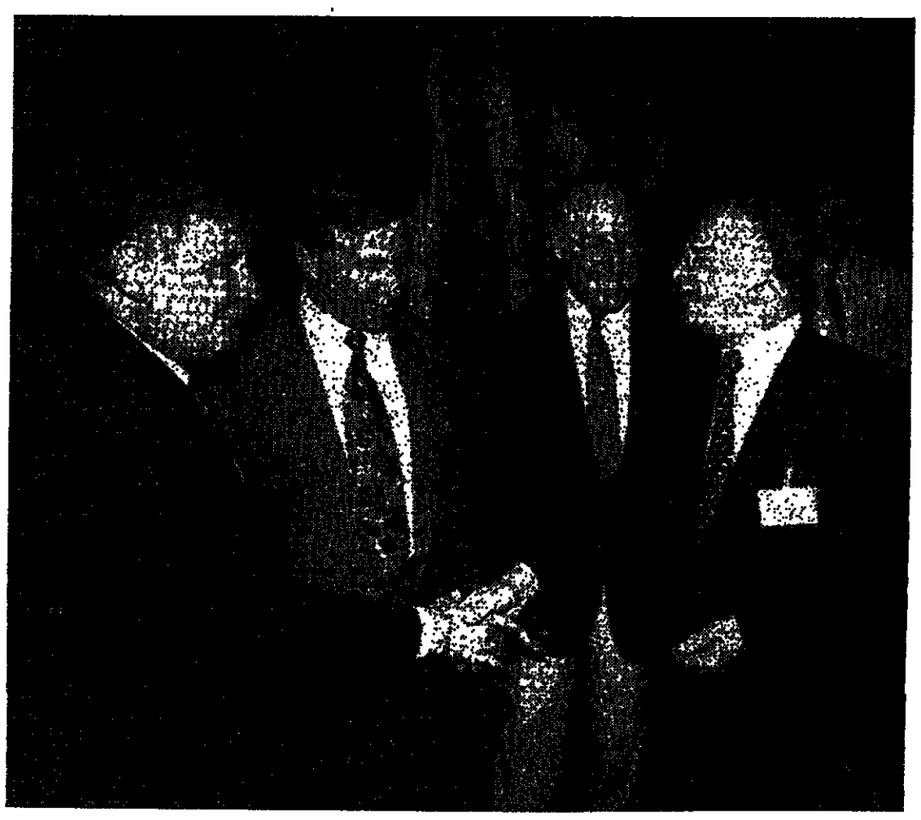
The Haifa Exhibition - 2000 has also attracted attention. The exhibit at the Haifa Auditorium shows plans and projects by local contractors to change the face of Haifa in the next five years.

Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish set the tone for the conference at the opening session, declaring that prospects for peace were already showing results, with marked increases in Israel's trade relations in many parts of the world.

Five years ago the Far East was an insignificant market for Israeli products, but now that area accounts for 23 percent of Israel's exports, he said.

Others scheduled to address the forum are Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

The conference is being sponsored by the Israeli Forum, a volunteer body, and the *Jerusalem Post*. The Business Opportunities Fair is being sponsored by the Jewish Agency, Department of Rural and Urban Development, with Haifa as the host city.



Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish (right) shakes hands with Alberta premier Ralph Klein, while forum chairman Eitan Adres (center left) and Bank of Israel governor Jacob Frenkel look on at the opening of the Haifa business conference yesterday. (Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bank Otzar Ha'hayal sets up training center for employees: Bank Otzar Ha'hayal, a subsidiary of Bank Hapoalim, has established its own training center for employees. Previously, the bank trained its employees at Bank Hapoalim's training center. Otzar Ha'hayal recently hired about 70 new employees to work at its eight new branches. *Galit Lipkis Beck*

Bank Hapoalim announced two changes yesterday in its senior management team, appointing Alexander Yahitman and Ze'ev Ben-Asher – both of whom serve as members of the board of management – to the position of deputy managing director. Yahitman previously was assistant general manager in charge of liabilities, capital market and logistics, while Ben-Asher served in personnel and organization. *Galit Lipkis Beck*

Gibor Sabrina in talks to sell Gibor Sport controlling interest: Gibor Sabrina, which is controlled by the Rozov family, is in advanced negotiations to sell its 35 percent controlling interest in Gibor Sport. The value of Gibor Sabrina's shares in the subsidiary are estimated at about $7.7 million.

In an announcement to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Gibor, said several companies have expressed interest in purchasing its shares, including Delta Galil and Kitan. *Galit Lipkis Beck*

Meir to grace new NIS 10 coins: As of next Tuesday, the Bank of Israel will put into circulation 1.5 million NIS 10 coins engraved with a portrait of Golda Meir, the country's fourth prime minister.

The new coins will be available at commercial banks and Bank of Israel tellers. NIS 10 coins have been in circulation since February and are to gradually replace bank notes of the same denomination. *Jose Rosenfeld*

Re/Max names director of company's Israel operation: Re/Max, one of the largest international real estate agency networks in the world, has named Bernard Raskin as director of the company's Israel operation. Raskin said a number of applications have already been submitted for local franchises, including two in Jerusalem and one in Tel Aviv.

Raskin forecasts that Re/Max will have about 50 franchises countrywide within three years. The company operates over 2,500 offices worldwide, with more than 40,000 sales agents. It has recently expanded into western Europe. *Galit Lipkis Beck*

Riksson Caffe Expresse, owned by Meshulam Riklis and Yair Hasson, plans to set up 15 coffee trolley sale points across the country. The trollies will be placed in shopping malls, hospitals, hotels, sport centers and office buildings. *Galit Lipkis Beck*

Companies eye local cargo airline business

Post Business Staff

MANY companies have expressed an interest in being licensed to operate a cargo airline here, Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar said yesterday.

Kessar was speaking during a discussion of the CAL company's request that it be granted a license to carry cargo independently and not via El Al.

However, Kessar said the present agricultural cargo of 150,000 tons per year does not warrant the operation of two companies carrying such cargo.

"Establishing another company besides El Al will create competition for the limited market for transporting cargo, and will only cause all sides involved to lose money," he said. "Granting a license to an additional company is a function of expected growth of air cargo transport."

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur participated in the discussion, along with CAL and El Al officials.

It was also decided that El Al and CAL will negotiate continued cooperation on dividing up the cargo transport, with Tsur and Kessar intervening if no agreement is reached.

Tadiran in joint venture with Barco

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

TADIRAN Communications Systems has signed a joint venture agreement with Barco, one of the leading manufacturers of professional equipment in the television communications field.

According to the deal, the companies will cooperate in marketing of compressed video transmission products.

The equipment was developed by Scopus Imaging Program, a Tadiran subsidiary recently established to develop compressed video transmission equipment complying with MPEG 2 standards.

Barco, which has its headquarters in Belgium, is active in Europe, the Far East and North America.

The company has an annual sales turnover of about $390 million.

Manufactures Association names prize winners

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE managers of Koor Industries, Fisher Industries and ECI Telecom are the recipients of this year's Manufactures Association industry prizes.

Koor president Benjamin Gaon won the Israel Lichtenstein prize for his contribution to the conglomerate's rapid recovery.

The association said Koor has turned into one of the country's leading holding companies due to Gaon's management and vision.

Dvora and Eli Fisher, founders of Fisher Industries, were awarded the Eliahu Promchenko prize for their contribution to the company and the development of the local pharmaceutical and cosmetic industry.

Fisher Industries products are currently sold worldwide, and the company operates factories here, in the US, England, Germany, Ireland and South Africa.

David Rubner, general manager of ECI Telecom, was chosen for the Aving Propper prize for his contribution to the growth and earnings of the telecommunications equipment company which he joined in 1991.

Under Rubner, ECI's sales rose to $385m. in 1994 from $113m. three years ago.

The prizes are to be awarded next Tuesday.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (19.6.95)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	5.125	5.000	5.125
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.625	4.875	5.375
German mark (DM 200,000)	3.000	3.000	3.250
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.875	2.000	2.375
Yen (10 million yen)	–	–	–

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (19.6.95)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.4280	3.4833	—	—	3.4538
U.S. dollar	2.9398	2.9863	2.88	3.03	2.9920
German mark	2.1059	2.1399	2.08	2.17	2.1187
Pound sterling	4.7079	4.7539	4.62	4.86	4.7368
French franc	0.5898	0.6069	0.58	0.62	0.6040
Japanese yen (100)	3.4799	3.5361	3.42	3.69	3.5051
Dutch florin	1.8805	1.9109	1.84	1.94	1.8931
Swiss franc	2.5422	2.5833	2.49	2.62	2.5565
Swedish krona	0.4051	0.4119	0.39	0.42	0.4080
Norwegian krone	0.4723	0.4800	0.46	0.49	0.4757
Danish krone	0.5366	0.5475	0.52	0.56	0.5427
Finnish mark	0.6882	0.6963	0.67	0.71	0.6892
Canadian dollar	2.1230	2.1576	2.08	2.19	2.1401
Australian dollar	2.1413	2.1768	2.10	2.21	2.1583
S. African rand	0.8013	0.8143	0.72	0.82	0.8076
Belgian franc (10)	1.0242	1.0409	1.00	1.06	1.0316
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9933	3.0416	2.94	3.09	3.0132
Italian lira (1000)	1.7821	1.8109	1.75	1.84	1.7956
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.13	4.42	4.2653
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.83	0.90	0.9182
ECU	3.8836	3.9463	—	—	3.9127
Irish punt	4.8031	4.8806	4.72	4.96	4.8414
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4218	2.4609	2.38	2.50	2.4393

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 2.9620	-0.24%
Sterling	NIS 4.7388	-0.38%
Mark	NIS 2.1167	+0.26%

INTL STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	4553.86	+42.89
DJ Transport	1731.22	+25.15
DJ Utility	203.8	+1.85
DJ Comp	1532.41	+15.92
NYSE Indust	376.71	+2.42
NYSE Transport	258.73	+2.6
NYSE Comp	292.16	+1.22
S&P 100	520.19	+4.9
S&P 500 Index	542.2	+4.57
AMEX Comp	486.27	+0.81

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share			
Movements	+709	1333	959
Volume up (in 1000's)			210662
Volume down (in 1000's)			86745

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3382.3	+18.2
Tokyo Nikkei average	14700	+5.1
Singapore all-share index	516.87	+0.08
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	9313.95	0
Israel index	138.42	+2.07

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Ach la Pep	54.25	+0
Ampal A	8.5	+0.5
Arye	0.90625	-0.09375
BAI Technology	3.25	+0
Central Corp	3.375	+0.125
Frutarom (electrochem)	3.93375	+0.09625
Elscint	2.75	+0.125
Etz Lavud	7.875	-0.125
Etz Lavud A	7	+0
Lasry T.	7.59375	+0.15625
PEC I	24.375	+0
Tadiran	18.125	+0.5
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Alanthic	19.625	-0.375
ATPL Diversion	4.625	-0.25
Ampal 6.5	18.75	0
Audi	5	+0.5
Cimatron	15.125	+0
Dan (Delisted)	10.5	+0.625
ECI	14.375	-0.5
Edanetics	1.375	+0
Elb-Soft	8.5	+0.125
Electric Fuel	12.125	-0.25
EPTI	47	-1.125
Elbit	24.625	+1.625
Enot	10	+0.375
Fahed Robotec	1	+0
Fibrolx	0.875	0
M. Systems	5.5	-0.375
Gilat	20.625	-0.375
ISC	4.25	+0
Orckit	7.875	-0.25
Quality Tech	2.0625	+0.21875
Klan	0.3125	+0
IIS	4.0625	+0.6875
Indigo	46.25	+0.25
Interphase	18	0
Intrlock	0.59125	+0.09125
Fst Isr Fund	12.25	-0.25
Isrk	0.34375	+0.03125
Lannet	23.5	+4.125
Lanoptics	14.25	+0.875
Magal	4.125	+0
Mech-Al	1.5	+0.0625
Mercury	19.5	-1.25
Magic	10.25	+0
Orbotech	13.375	+0.0625
Orbop Tech	2.625	-0.125
Rekk	4.625	-0.125
Robogistics	0.625	0
Saplens	3.5625	+0.1875
Scitex	21.125	+0.0625
Silicon	2.625	+0
T.A.T. Technol	2.75	+0
Taro Vit	7.125	+0
Teledata	8.875	-0.5
Telegenix	1.75	+0
Tower Semicond	31.25	+2.875
Teva	36.125	+0.125
TVG	9.875	0

(All listings are closing quotes)

Commstock Trading Ltd. (Data 19-JUN-95)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.6013	-0.0012
	Sep.future (CME)	1.5978	-0.0008
D-mark:	spot	1.3979	-0.0006
	Sep.future (CME)	0.7172	+0.0005
S-franc:	spot	1.1596	+0.002
	Sep.future (CME)	0.8626	+0.0005
Yen:	spot	94.83	+0.25
	Sep.future (CME)	0.011945	-1.49-005
CanDlr:	spot	1.3812	-0.0009
	Sep.future (CME)	0.7229	+0.0011
AusDlr:	spot	0.7281	-0.001
	Sep.future (CME)	0.7239	-0.0033
F-franc:	spot	4.929	-0.004
It Lira:	spot	1844	+2
Nig:	spot	1.5831	-0.0043
AusSkg:	spot	9.845	-0.02
Rand:	spot	3.665	-0.0035
ECU:	spot	1.3206	-0.0025
Stands:	future	114.12	+0.06
S and P	future	546.9	+6

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	6.0625	0
Dollar	6 months	5.9375	0
Dollar	12 months	6.875	0
Sterling	3 months	8.0875	0
Sterling	6 months	8.375	0
Sterling	12 months	7.25	0
S-franc	3 months	3.125	0
S-franc	6 months	3.1875	0
S-franc	12 months	3.3125	0
D-mark	3 months	4.5	0
D-mark	6 months	4.4375	0
D-mark	12 months	4.5625	0
Yen	3 months	1.1875	0
Yen	6 months	1.1875	+0.0625
Yen	12 months	1.125	0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 22:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (CEC)	1288	+15
Coffee (Jul) (CEC)	147.15	-2.75
Sugar no.11 (Jul) (CEC)	11.85	-0.01
Wheat (Jul) (CBOT)	392.5	+12
Orange juice (Jul)(CEC)	98	-4.5
Crude oil light (Jul)(CEC)	18.22	0

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (LCE)	933	+1
Coffee (Jul) (LCE)	2789	-31
Wheat (Jul)(LCE)	125.75	-0.4
Brent crude oil (Jul)(IPE)	1790	0

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	391.45	+1.7
Silver:	spot	5.52	+0.08

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Aug)	394.2	+1.5
Silver (Jul)	5.5	+0.085
Platinum (Jul)	443.6	+2.6
Palladium (Sep.)	162	+1
High-grade copper (Jul)	1.395	-0.0035

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	390.5	-0.8
Gold PM fix	392.5	-0.8
Silver fix	543.3	-2.2
Platinum PM fix	442.5	-0.5

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FrstIntA2	1.10	-50.0
IndSwsBk	23619	-2.6
IndSwsOD		
IndDevRD		
MerBC	170.00	
MerkantC		
OHH	139771	-0.2
Tfahb	649	
TrstCoC	163.50	

Mortgage Banks & Finance

Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	380469	
Carmel	657	-0.5
CimrCt3	279	-2.1
CimrMB	20042	-2.0
FrstMB	43659	
IndepMB	75713	
J IssC	127.80	-1.2
JerusBnk	216	-2.7
LaumMBR	65162	-2.0
Mizrhr	7571	-4.8
TefahotR	182074	-2.5

Financial Institutions

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
shrakaha	1050	-1.0
Ayalon	580	
AyalonC		
Elbin	579	-6.2
ElbinC1	211	
Hadar1	699	-0.9
Hadar5	768	-2.8
HamahsvC	218	-1.4
Hamshar1	1488	-5.0
Hamshar5	14894	-2.5
Menorah1	954	-3.0
Menorah5	904	-1.6
Phoenix1	2847	-2.5
Phoenix5	2697	
Shirar	699	
Zion5	12493	10.0

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
Hashmira	459	
Ishkarp	980	
Ituraya	2900	
Bezeq	2883	-4.8
BezekW2	217	-10.0
BndWrtC1	187.00	1.5
BndWrtC2	131.00	
BndWrtnT L	2581	
Cbrgb.1	41297	-1.0
Clal Comp	10927	0.7
ClalCmpC	180.00	-0.6
CorBeach	1292	-1.2
Crystal	1831	-8.0
DanHotel	1838	
DCL	778	1.5
Elad	150.50	
Feldman	185.00	-6.9
GanHador	235	
GanHadC	212	0.5
GiladG2		
IscanicC1	111.50	
GrandW2	99.00	
HGlbC1	137.50	
HGlbW1	44.00	-7.8
HGlbl	320	-5.3
Inigenes1	3461	-2.3
Inigenes5	3345	-1.8
Lkoz	1764	-1.7
MedF	1017	-1.0
Medtech	412	-0.2
MedtechW	526	-0.8
MLLC1	160.00	1.3
MLL1	989	5.1
Repac	1918	-2.0
Reshet	78.00	2.0
ReshetC1	119.50	
Teen	2345	-0.8
TeemC1	157.50	1.0
Telsys	1291	-2.0
Teptine	3822	-2.6
Yaad	803	4.6
YaadC1	125.00	-0.8
Yisrsa	1706	6.8
Yedin	1043	-2.2
Yona	507	4.8

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
ashotashk	143.50	10.0
elecsecp	2597	-1.5
Isco	441	-0.9
sotog	590	3.0
wilgar	122.00	3.8
yehdonal	516	-1.7
AcknowC	123.50	1.2
Alliance	945	-5.5
Alony	246	-2.8
Alumat11L	11413	-2.3
Angel	10397	
Argunen	442	
Arid	257	-9.2
AridC1	85.50	-6.8
Ashply	1821	
Ashplyc1	175.50	
Ashtrom	515	-1.9
Atzmon	649	
AtzmonW1	104.50	
Ackrath	448	
Belmon	690	
Bonbo	197.00	-1.0
BoutonC1	200	-1.0
Cablesc2	153.50	-1.7
CaseyNG	324	-8.0
Caspilite	628	-2.0
Cargal	1225	-1.6
Castro	1569	10.0
Chem	361	-1.4
ClalSrC	280	-1.9
ClalSrn.1	2273	-3.5
Clinl C8	180.50	
Cyclonef	6419	
Cyclone8	3986	-1.0
CyclonC1	183.50	0.3
CyclonC2	104.00	0.6
Delroncl	188.50	
Delron1	2247	
Dedicon	378	1.6
Delta 1	1878	
Delta3	1895	-1.8
DubekB	13217	
DubekR	13230	0.3
Elgar	157.00	-4.6
ElgarC2	137.00	
ElderTec	51.00	-1.0
Elcrdnd	6140	-2.0
Elcrmcs	822	-2.0
Elctr 0.5	8259	
ElectrG4	276	1.5
ElteC		
ElteoPblc	497	
Evrot	3771	
Fertilz5	988	
Fertil0.1	1197	
FeuchtW1	9357	-2.0
Five J	302	-9.9
FrutaroC1	215	-0.5
FrutaroC2		
GiborCr1	91.50	-1.8
GiborSab	385	
GiborW2	215	
Golan	626	-3.1
Hamush1	1042	
Hashofr1	382	-4.0
Hatehd5	164.00	-0.6
Hod	391	-1.3
Hofit	169.50	-0.6
IscCtan1	2154	-1.0
Jet-cra	954	-0.5
Kadrasnyt	398	-2.9
Kedem	6552	-0.5
KedemC2	180.00	
Keter	3	
KlanC1	137.50	
Klil	2847	
Kitis	2809	-0.5
Lipski	2295	-2.0
Lodzia1	1945	-1.3
Lodzia4	1182	-0.8
LuhotGal	93.00	-8.1
MacPell	285	-1.7
Magam	433	-2.0
Mandavi1	1185	
Mandavi5	1050	0.3
Mel Eden	1303	-7.8
Modgal	908	-8.2
Mozaica1	378	1.1
Mozaica5	344	-2.3
NegCteam	388	-5.5
Nehusht1	1029	
Nehusht5	701	
Nevtex	1283	-8.7
Nicon	1728	2.7
NMC	507	
Oilis	858	
Ophir	282	
Orbit1	301	-2.9
Orilia	357	-1.0
PacterW2	7740	-5.0
Pargod	1998	2.0
PazChen	800	
Pitus	1114	-5.0
PolgatA	258	-1.1
PolgatCt	184.00	
Polygon	825	
PolygonC	165.00	1.2
PCS	749	-1.1
Rubenstex	107.50	-0.5
RubinsW	23.50	-4.1
Sanllot1	250	-7.1
Sanct1	1352	
Sanc5	1318	
Sefen	463	-1.0
Shamao	13389	-1.2
Specstc	351	
Sundrost	5849	
Tasi	30701	-9.8
Tadiren	486	
Tarabous	722	
Tatsa	824	0.5
Tedea	1305	-2.2
TevaC		
TiV	580	-3.0
Tobias1	449	
Topper	135.00	-0.7
TATC1	178.50	-0.8
TAT1	559	
Unibar1	1358	
Unibar5	357	-4.9
Vitalgn1	425	-8.0
Vulcan	229	0.4
VulcanC	170.00	-0.3
WierBmon	16577	-2.5
WierBnW3	8163	-0.8
YitongC2	375	-0.3
Zeiva4	228	
Zika1	1832	0.3
Zika5	1688	
Zkdn1	3748	
Zkdn5	3679	-7.3
ZkrnCab1	474	-4.0
Zohrnfnd	419	-1.4

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
buildgro	486	-0.4
danbin1	2046	
jacobsn	189.50	
mvact	280	-5.1
rsarled	373	-0.3
wellton	78139	
y.stang	137.50	-2.1
Akov	1859	-1.5
Arazim	208	
Azrieli C1	172.00	
Azrieli1	1362	-1.0
Azrie	1325	-3.3
AzrieC4	138.50	
AzrieW2	137.50	
Assuta	1010	-0.5
AssutaC1	219	
AzorimCt	282	-1.1
AzorProp	577	
Berano1	811	-1.0
Beyside5	31434	-2.0
BeysidC1	31990	-1.0
BenYakar	1843	
BenYakWn	198.00	20.0
BenYnarC	86.00	
BigRiver	3911	
CohenDev	486	-5.5
Control	1446	
DanKner	1395	2.5
DanKnerC	184.50	0.6
Darad1	181.00	-1.6
Dunbar	4530	-0.2
DunbarDe		
Engel	545	2.1
Gazit	488	0.4
Goldhaus	258	
GoldHausC	152.50	
Ispro	2944	-1.7
IsrsIcm	1893	1.0
IsrsIcmC	214	0.5
IsrsaC1	191.50	
Israel0.5	5307	-1.5
Israt	6105	-2.0
Jaysour1	151.00	-3.8
Jordan	509	
LisrvEC1	98.50	
Lisrstck	231	4.1
Lifshit5	135.00	-2.2
Lumir1	3450	
MedtexC2	120.50	-0.4
Mellbn1	746	-8.5
MedLezC2	98.00	1.6
MavLezW3	121.00	
Minrav	10111	
Mishmael	193.50	
MTM	2002	-1.0
NeotAviv	1580	
Ofc	309	
PrtOr	6542	-4.2
RedSea	557	-3.0
RogovImT1L	1256	
RogovIm5	1233	
Rotem	404	
Shalaal	330	-7.0
Teshituz	621	-3.7

Investment Companies

Name	Price	%chg
Ilya	1041	
Actavs1	958	
Actavs2	897	0.4
AlstrrC	470	
Ampa	93888	
Arad	5360	3.3
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Clal50	7865	
DanbarC	213	-0.5
Danbar1	2588	-10.0
Elbarn	4252	1.8
Emsh	194.50	1.0
ExportC4	219	-4.4
Haman	1657	4.0
Hilan	337	2.1
HilanW4	190.00	
Hiron5	9000	-1.7
Isrcpl	1026	5.2
IDLC8	188.00	-1.1
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JoelC1A	189.00	
Kesslm1	331	-2.6
Klal	307	
Megdr1	3139	0.5
Megdr5	1690	5.0
Molot	459	2.5
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OclfW1	2210	-8.0
Ofer	13553	
Pama0.1	1002	-4.0
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Rlnt4	265	-0.4
SaherDev	1535	
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SecursC	118.00	
SecurtsW	211	0.5
SAPANHASP	559	-1.3
TaysC	257	
TsrCt	184.00	-0.5
TsrsShrsc	89.50	
Union	5930	

Oil Exploration

Name	Price	%chg
MGN1	2400	

PARALLEL LIST

Trade & Services

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atrarnt	822	
arida	1116	1.5
Clinik	405	-7.1
Elcins	115.00	
Isebarns	119.50	
radissatt	221	
Sm	289	
AlanW1	481	-8.9
Comtec	595	
Delsh1	2.70	
Dimrl	1454	-4.5
Data	1080	-2.0
Elitech	305	-5.0
Greenbrg	495	-0.2
ILDCHOT	400	
Klnd	174.00	-2.2
Kopel	215	
KopelC1	181.00	
MZPK	478	1.8
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Regency Ho	133.00	
TrendLin	1378	1.5

Property, Building

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a.dori	170.50	4.8
afonthetz	84.50	-0.6
grandcir	145.00	-0.3
pandor	610	
Ackor	220	5.8
Bie—Tom	1730	-1.0
Caesrsn1	4511	5.0
Danly	851	-1.0
GazaW1	245	
GazC1	285	
ICFS	20504	-7.5
Lazmich	170.00	-9.3
Lwnstnl	917	-0.2
Mallsron	759	-2.4
Rassco	1641	
Scandia	161.50	
ScandiaC	108.50	
UnipamGr	143.00	
Unicorn1	109.50	
Unicorns	171.50	
UnicorW3		

Industrials

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abcodiagn	82.00	
kadoomagn	328	-3.0
lipman	1134	-0.3
maxmVhld	852	4.0
nscn	1601	
phyton	230	
spicnan	449	
techsm	760	-1.3
torsuer	651	
vitamdx	82.50	
znmetal	1703	-5.0
Adumim1	265	-0.4
Baruch1	1308	
Baruch5	800	-1.3
Brosh1	2620	8.1
Dexter	1883	
Elbaz	180.00	
Gell	180.50	-0.9
King1	801	-10.0
Lahish1	2892	-3.0
MenC1	153.00	
Mem1	183.50	
MLT	1318	-0.2
Neca	28625	0.2
NecaG1	198.00	
Orckstb	824	
Orsch	299	10.1
OrschC	99.00	
OrdaPrnt	1552	-8.0
Polish1	873	
Posekon	61.50	-4.7
Shlodot	108.00	-4.8
Tibnvest	262	-5.1

Investment Companies

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Ibrar	740	-3.0
marathon	66.50	
Atsn	1394	-5.0
Beyjon	61891	-2.0
Mirage	108.50	
Optima	146.50	1.0
Regem1	329	-2.9
Yissum	92.50	

Oil Exploration

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Avner	4.10	10.8
DlKOEx1	2611	
Naphtna	29.20	

Two-sided trading

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Afrisr	331207	2.5	102	323129		122
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Agis	2130	-2.0	10000	2173		9279
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ALPM	15726	-0.7	5900	15827	-1.5	1833
Bezek	752	-6.2	452900	784	-4.7	147003
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Clal Tra	763	-1.2	32200	765	-1.0	15588
Clal 10	7915	1.0	25800	7935	1.3	5568
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Dead Sea	864	-1.2	68000	875		92142
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Discinv	19617	0.5	13600	19421	-0.5	3477
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Elco	9758	0.2	1800	9781	0.5	3489
Elite 5	1330	-2.5	45600	1337	-2.0	32461
Elron	9835	-0.5	3780	9958	0.7	6228
Evergr n	2370	0.5		2370	0.5	5570
Export	1404	-4.0	19800	1390	-5.0	11099
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Fibi	44761	-2.5	1225	44891	-2.0	718
Formula	1420	-8.0	8400	1420	-8.0	8582
Frstint1	37683	-2.5	490	37586	-2.8	805
Frstint5	37435	-2.7	90	37435	-2.8	553
Frutarom	1132	-2.2	45000	1135	-2.0	16314
Gahelet	6502			8502		736
General	8448	-1.7	1200	8384	-2.5	604
Granit	539	-0.2	15000	540		27080
Hapoalm	478	-2.0	707000	486		225265
Hapolm	9156	-1.7	2800	9203	-1.2	34325
IndBldg	382	-0.5	148000	384		38005
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IsrComp5	23182	-2.2	770	23133	-2.5	928
IsChem	239	0.7	1164000	237		389024
IDB	1055	0.2	244500	1052		68595
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JEC	932	0.7	58000	925		21064
JOEL	115.5	2.2	102000	115.5	2.2	95876
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Kitan	740	-2.0	8000	740	-2.0	34512
Koor	25034	1.2	16310	24601	-0.5	9751
Leumi	353	-0.7	580500	356		187368
Likshi1	191.0	-1.7	8500	191.5	-1.5	59812
Makhteh	1650	0.5	55000	1642		84966
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Mashov	479	-2.2	44000	480	-2.0	66387
Mehadrin	16178	-3.7	120	16134	-4.0	722
MeirEzra	1764	-2.0	1800	1764	-2.0	6672
Mishkan	34599	-1.0		34599	-1.0	263
Mivtsh	1317	-4.2	14400	1310	-4.7	14450
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PazoilEx	67.5		330000	67.5		531808
Pecker	13529	-3.7	3600	13353	-5.0	2368
Pericles	1938	-2.0	5400	1936	-2.0	5810
Petrchem	1678	-5.0	47700	1722	-2.5	12435
Piryon	9799			9799		1822
PolgatB	258	-2.2		258	-2.3	98964
Rogosin	2094	2.5	12000	1971	-3.5	12100
Secom	324	-2.7	16500	326	-2.1	16575
SalaPump	104.0	-0.2	30000	104.5		131937
Shiton	8998	-3.0		8998	-3.0	837
Steel	273	-4.5	28000	272	-4.9	51092
SupersB	5480	-1.2	6000	5535	-0.3	1117
TefahotB	189582	-1.5	81	190083	-1.3	90
Tempo1	1486	-2.2	14400	1452	-4.5	10183
Teva	108156	-0.5	1408	105355	-1.3	1120
TAT5	299	-7.5	27500	298	-7.4	77836
Urdan D.	429	-1.0	32000	430	-0.7	55299
Ytong	847	-3.5	2000	847	-3.5	11079

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Name	Price	chg

NEW YORK

Name	Price	chg
AMP Inc	44.75	+0.5
AMR Corp	74.25	+0.25
ASA	45.125	+0.375
Abbott Labs	40.875	+0.375
Acme Cleveland	22	+0
Advanced Micro	37	+2.25
Aetna Life	62.125	+0.25
Affiliated Publ	9.5	-0.25
Aflac	43.75	+0.125
Ahmanson (H F)	22.625	+0.625
Air Prods	55	+1
Alberto-Culv B	31.375	-0.25
Albertson's	29.625	+0.25
Alcan Aluminium	29.625	+0.25
Alco Standard	77.625	+2.125
Alex & Alex	24.125	+0.125
Allegheny Power	23.5	+0
Allied Signal	40.125	+0.125
Alcoa	48.25	+1.5
Amax	28.75	-0.125
Amdahl Corp	11.875	+0.125
Amerada Hess	50.5	+0.625
Amer Brands	33.5	+0.125
Amer El Power	24.5	+0.125
Amer Express	35.25	+0.25
Amer Gard Corp	35	+0.875
Amer Greeting	29.5	+0.25
Amer Home Pr	79.875	+0.375
Amer Int'l	116.625	+2.25
Amer Natl Ins	62	-0.25
Amer Stores	27.25	+0.25
Amer T & T	62.75	+0.75
Ameritech	45	+0.25
Ametek Inc	17.625	+0.125
Amoco	69.125	-0.375
Analog Devices	33	+1.125
Anheuser-Busch	69.375	+0.125
Aon Corp	38.375	+0.25
Apple Computer	44.375	+0.5
Archer Daniels	19	-0.5
Armco	5.875	-0.125
Armstrong World	48.25	-0.125
Asarco	29.875	+0.625
Ashland Oil	36.25	-0.125
AST Research	17.5625	+0.5625
Atlantic Richfld	115.125	+0.5
Auto Data Pro	63.25	+1
Autodesk	43.75	+2.5
Avery Dennison	41	-0.125
Avnet Inc	47.125	+0.375
Avon Products	69.5	+0.25
Baimco Corp	4	
Baker Hughes	21.875	+0
Ball Corp	33.5	-0.125
Bally	11.875	+0
Baltimore Gas	24.5	+0.125
Banc One Corp	32.5	+0.375
Bancorp	51.75	-0.125
BankAmerica	62.5	+0.625
Bank of Boston	38.375	+1.25
Bank of New Yk	43.125	+0.125
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Yankees acquire Strawberry

NEW YORK (AP) – Baseball great Darryl Strawberry is coming back to New York, this time to play for the Yankees.

The Yankees on yesterday reached agreement on a one-year deal with a 1996 option that guarantees the 33-year-old outfielder $850,000. The Yankees said Strawberry will join the team "as soon as he becomes eligible under baseball rules." He is eligible to play on Sunday.

Strawberry is completing a 60-day suspension imposed by acting commissioner Bud Selig following the outfielder's positive test in January for cocaine use.

The former New York Mets slugger underwent treatment at the Betty Ford Center and has been practicing with an independent team in Palm Springs, California.

"We feel confident Darryl will do his absolute best for us," principal owner George Steinbrenner said Monday.

"We are supportive of Darryl, and we shall do everything possible to help him meet the challenge ahead."

Strawberry also is under house arrest in Palm Springs for tax evasion but the government has said it would allow him to return to baseball.

Strawberry has 14 home runs and 54 RBIs his past three seasons in the majors – a total of 104 games. And he's been bothered by nagging injuries, including a bad back.

Strawberry, the career home run leader for the Mets, could spend a short stint in the minors before joining the Yankees.

He hit .239 with four home runs and 17 RBIs in 29 games for the Giants last year, giving him a career total of 294 homers. In 1991, he hit 28 homers with 99 RBIs for Los Angeles, but back problems limited him to a total of 10 home runs in his next two years for the Dodgers.

Pavin wins US Open

SOUTHAMPTON (AP) – American Corey Pavin won his first major in 13 years as a pro Sunday, claiming the US Open with a closing-round 68 as Greg Norman once again came up short in the big one.

Playing the last 10 holes 3 under par and the last 15 without a bogey, Pavin finished 72 holes at 280, the only player to match par over a punishing Shinnecock Hills Golf Club.

He was two strokes ahead of Norman, who shot a final-round 73, and three better than Tom Lehman.

Pavin, next to the last in the US Open field in driving distance, won it with steady, accurate play over the rolling fairways of Shinnecock, avoiding the penalizing rough that claimed so many other players. He also stroked in a series of huge putts, perhaps none bigger than a 2-meter par save on No. 17.

He closed it out with a bold, brilliant 4-wood to the closely guarded 18th green. Pavin broke into a jog as the ball bounded onto the green and rolled toward to flag.

"I was very anxious to see that one," Pavin said. "I knew when I hit it was going to be pretty close."

As it came to a rest 2 meters from the pin, he dropped to a crouch, closed his eyes and let loose a huge exhale. He missed the birdie putt that would have wrapped it up, then waited for Norman to finish.

"It probably was the most pressure I've ever felt," Pavin said of the shot to 18.

Norman lost his last chance on No. 17 when he hit the sand trap on the par-3, blasted short and missed the putt for par to fall two behind.

It was Pavin's first victory in a major championship after finishing second once in the US PGA Championship, third in the US Masters and fourth in the British Open. His previous best in the US Open was eighth in 1991.

With 12 victories on the US PGA Tour, the 35-year-old Pavin had the most wins of anyone currently on the American tour without a major championship. He will wear that label no longer.

"I had faith that it would happen," Pavin said about finally winning a major. "I got tired of hearing the question. It wears on you."

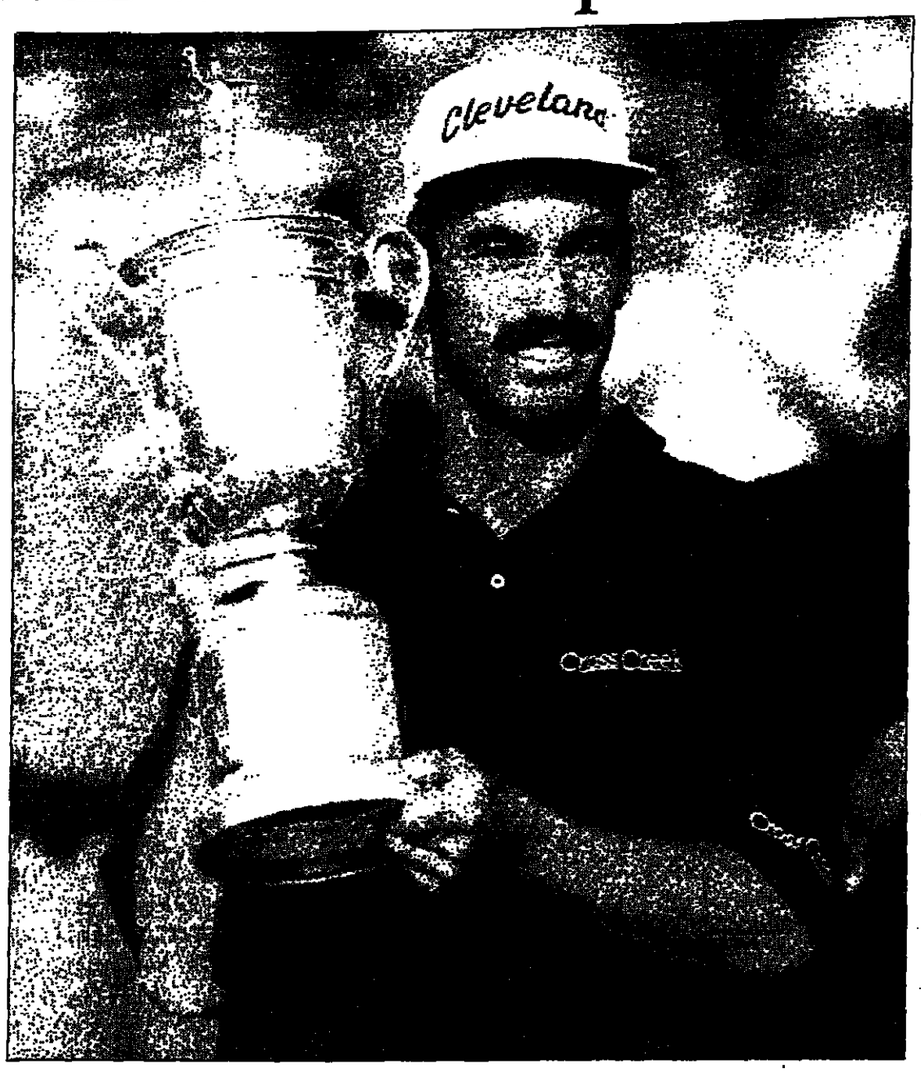
"Welcome to the club," Norman told Pavin, patting him on the back outside the clubhouse.

Norman, meanwhile, wears an even heavier burden of failure in the major championships. This was his sixth second-place finish in a major.

He's lost all four major championships in playoffs – the US Open in 1984, the US Masters in '87, the British Open in '89 and the US PGA in '93. He also finished second in the 1986 US PGA.

In 1986 he pulled off the Saturday Slam – leading all four major championships going into the last round and won only the British.

It was in 1986 that he led the US Open at Shinnecock going to the final round only to shoot a 75 and finish tied for 12th.



IN THE FOREFRONT – Corey Pavin holds the trophy on the 18th green after winning the US Open Sunday. (AP)

Hapoel Beersheba sold off to private ownership

ORI LEWIS

HAPOEL Beersheba joined the ranks of Israel's major clubs yesterday when it was sold off, making it the fourth National League outfit to be run by private owners.

Beersheba joined the likes of Maccabi and Hapoel Haifa and Maccabi Tel Aviv and will hope that its new owner, local businessman Eli Lahav, will help the club reach greater heights in the near future.

Lahav won the tender to take control of the club and has agreed to underwrite the club's debts of NIS 5.3 million. The club's budget for next season is said to be NIS 7 million.

Lahav wasted no time and last night already got to work on forming a side which will play in the UEFA Cup and which hopes to challenge for honors next season.

Viko Hadad has taken charge as coach and will shortly begin a scouting mission to Russia to look for foreign players, specifically a man to play in the central defender's role. The Negev side is also reported to be looking to Hisham Zuabi – who left the club two seasons ago for Hapoel Haifa – and Amir Turjeman to strengthen the front line, while Oleg Kochiluk is being sought to bolster the midfield.

In other news yesterday, Hapoel Tel Aviv defender David Amsalem has moved to Betar Jerusalem on a one-year lone. Amsalem, who played in his first full match for Israel in Bucharest earlier this month, will begin training with Betar immediately ahead of the Jerusalem club's opening match in the Intertoto Cup competition on the weekend. Betar takes on Charleroi of the Belgian first division.

Stars arrive for Athletic Championships

JOEL GORDIN

A DOZEN overseas guest stars will take part in the 56th Israel Athletic Championships to be held on Saturday and Sunday at Hadar Yosef Stadium in Tel Aviv.

Among the visitors are two pole vaulters, Chris Taminga of Holland and Consantine Sminov of Russia, who have cleared 5.5 meters and 5.6m. respectively. Hopefully, they will be able to push Danny Krasnov into breaking his national record of 5.75m.

The Israel Athletics Association will award a trophy and a prize of NIS 5,000 (donated by Bank Discount) to the sportsperson chosen as Israeli "athlete of the year."

Entrance fee to the contest will cost NIS 20 (NIS 10 for youth and soldiers). Parts of it will be shown live on ITV's Channel 1.

The first event on Saturday night will be the pole vault at 8:45 pm. Sunday's schedule starts with the hammer throw at 5:45 pm.

The championship is organized by the IAA in conjunction with the Tel Aviv Municipality and Bank Discount.

Other guests include – From Hungary: Josef Biuk – javelin (best performance: 77m.); Yano Knzin – shot put (19.67m.); Inger Zigmond – women's javelin – (63.92m.). From Holland: Reggelio van der Vlat – 100m. and 200m. dash (10.41 and 20.84); Otgers Sevan – 100m. hurdles and high jump (14.38, 2.24m.); Emil Mallaard – 100m. dash and long jump (10.52 and 8.19m.); Denis Tilborg – 100m. and 200m. dash (10.63 and 21.03).

Sussex forces draw with Surrey

LONDON (Reuter) – Australian former Test paceman Carl Rackemann captured his county championship best for Surrey of six for 60 yesterday but it was not quite enough to pull off victory over Sussex at Horsham.

Sussex, needing 385 to win in 79 overs on the fourth and final day, slipped to 184 for seven with Rackemann producing a burst of five for seven in 36 deliveries.

However, Sussex forced a draw at 230 for nine, tail-ender Jason Lewry, who faced 71 balls for 11 not out, coolly playing out the final over of the game from Rackemann with fieldsmen crowding the bat.

At Derby: Somerset beat Derbyshire by 79 runs. Derbyshire 376 and 168 (C.Wells 98; G.Rose 4-27). Somerset 189 and 434. Somerset 20 points; Derbyshire 8.

At Headingley: Yorkshire beat Kent by eight wickets. Yorkshire 462-7 declared and 140-2 (M.Moxon 85 not out, D.Byas 58 not out). Kent 234 and 365. Yorkshire 24 points, Kent 3.

At Colwyn Bay: Middlesex beat Glamorgan by eight wickets. Glamorgan 276 and 332 (J.Emburey 4-97). Middlesex 530 and 79-2. Middlesex 24 points, Glamorgan 8.

At Leicester: Match drawn. Leicestershire 381 and 357 (H.Cronje 113, J.Dakin 66; R.Pick 5-82). Nottinghamshire 364 and 248-7 (G.Archer 122 not out). Eight points each.

At Bristol: Match drawn. Hampshire 341 and 175-6 declared. Gloucestershire 266-9 declared and 180-8. Gloucestershire six points, Hampshire seven.

At Horsham: Match drawn. Surrey 187 and 501-8 declared. (A.Stewart 150, G.Thorpe 110, A.Hollioake 51; J.Lewry 5-110). Sussex 304 and 230-8 (N.Lanham 72, J.Hall 54; C.Rackemann 6-80) Sussex seven points, Surrey four.

Sports Channel meets the off-season challenge

SPORTSWATCH

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

WELCOME to couch potato purgatory, otherwise known as the off-season. Once local basketball and soccer ends and the clock runs out on the NBA and NCAA playoffs, local TV sports fare is usually about as refreshing as Tel Aviv without air conditioning.

Sports Channel thus deserves all the more credit for giving us the equivalent of a cool drink of water by filling in the missing time with something as entertaining as *Greatest College Basketball Games of All Time* (shown this past week, repeated tonight at midnight).

Survivors of basketball hell (Channel 3's broadcast of Game Four of the Houston-Orlando series, featuring FIVE, count 'em, FIVE people in the studio) can relax knowing this is a tightly edited, fun-filled hour. Host Eran Giladi does a commendable job counting down the biggest games of all time, with a great mix of other college b-ball historical highlights thrown in for good measure.

It's a Better Place where arrogant armchair analysts cannot go, and the highlight film rules. The walk down memory lane is a great treat, especially reliving the classic battles of the past: Bird vs. Magic in '79; Alcindor vs. Hayes in the Astrodome in '68; Jordan, Worthy and Perkins of North Carolina beating Ewing and Georgetown by one in '82, and Ewing's loss to sharpshooting Villanova in '85. They've even dug up footage of Wilt the Stilt's Kansas club going down to North Carolina in triple overtime in 1957, and some clips of Pat Riley's Kentucky club in action.

Interspersed are interviews with Riley, Magic, Bird, and others featured in the clips commenting on the games of yesteryear with the benefit of hindsight. Our favorite was Bill Walton's comment about his team's heartbreaking 71-70 loss to Notre Dame in 1974 at South Bend, which ended an 88-game winning streak: "I have not gotten over it; I will not get over it; I wake up with it every day."

Giladi, for his part, wisely lets the highlights do the talking, providing good continuity between games while building suspense as viewers begin to wonder what was rated the best game of all time (the Big Dipper's demise was only rated No. 5).

Those responsible for the special should now consider packaging the games individually for nostalgic fans anxious to relive the good old days, like Prime Sports did with *Baseball's Greatest Games*. Returning to the rarefied atmosphere of classic college hoop showdowns for a few hours would allow us to stay even longer in basketball paradise.

SPORTS CHANNEL also deserves kudos for spending the money to bag the NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs, albeit not live.

Those of us who grew up watching grainy New York Rangers broadcasts on WOR, featuring Win Elliott behind the mike ("Where's the puck? Where's the puck?") wouldn't recognize the televised game today. FOX, grabbing the chance to broadcast the sport no one wanted to televise for years, has turned hockey into the NFL on skates, replete with chalkboard analysis, etc.

Our particular favorites are the in-the-crease cameras, which allow you to get a goalie's-eye-view of the world, and the great transformer toys featured on the screen above each team's symbol whenever anyone scores, which find clever ways to devour the opposition's toy when that club tallies a goal. FOX has also taken a page out of NBC's book, with a dynamite intro for Game 1 of the Red Wings-Devils final that *included* the kitchen sink. Nothing could be cooler than ice on a summer's night – catch Game 2 tomorrow night at 6.

Agassi, Graf top list of Wimbledon seeds

LONDON (Reuter) – Frenchman Guy Forget, beaten finalist in the London grass court championships on Sunday, was given 16th position when the seeds for next week's Wimbledon were announced yesterday.

Forget improved from 28th to 21st on the men's world rankings despite his loss to Pete Sampras in the Queen's Club final and his performance there along with quarter-final appearances at his last three Wimbledons persuaded officials that he should be seeded.

His inclusion comes at the expense of Spanish number 12 Alberto Berasategui.

The only other departure from the latest men's rankings saw Croatian Goran Ivanisevic, beaten finalist in 1992 and 1994, elevated to fourth place above American Michael Chang, who was seeded fifth.

In the new rankings, Chang and Ivanisevic were fifth and sixth respectively, right behind French Open champion Thomas Muster, who is not playing at Wimbledon.

Otherwise the officials stuck by the rankings, with world number one Andre Agassi left above Sampras, despite his compatriot's victories the last two years.

The women's seedings went even more closely with the rankings, the only switch putting Czech Jana Novotna into fourth place above France's Australian Open champion Mary Pierce, who was seeded fifth.

That reverses their ranking positions.

Defending Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez of Spain, who beat the now-retired Martina Navratilova in last year's final, was seeded third in accordance with her ranking. French Open champion Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario are above her.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Local golf

Clive Jossett and Chuck Shaikowitz combined to win the stableford both balls to count competition at the Caesarea Golf Club this weekend. The pair finished with 77 points.

In second was Ze'ev Abraham and Eddie Hoffman with 74 points, followed by Gerry and Gerda kessler with 71 points.

The best individual net score of the day was Hoffman's 41.

Steve Weil

Local softball

Archeological Seminars notched its fifth straight win in The Jerusalem Post Softball League by beating Kalia Pistols 17-11 behind the hot bat of Andy Kasdan.

In other action, Norman's American Steakhouse whipped Apple Pizza 12-9 as pitcher Hudi Aspler had four hits and four RBIs. Rise Hi Furniture pummeled Aztek Glomars 18-7, the Manolitos Tigers did in the hapless Azteks 16-1 and Ma'ale Adumim won a 15-14 squeaker over Global Financial.

Also, the Globals stopped the Shomrat Cubs 10-5 and Manolitos stifled Crazy Richards Mashers 12-3. *Yitzhak Atkin*

Blackhawks coach quits

Darryl Sutter decided to quit as coach of the Chicago Blackhawks Sunday in order to spend more time with his family.

Sutter's contract expired last week. Team owner William Wirtz told the *Chicago Tribune* that the team offered him a contract extension before the playoffs. *AP*

Carr chosen as Celtics' new coach

M.L. Carr was chosen as coach of the Boston Celtics yesterday, ending a 33-day search he conducted as the team's director of basketball operations, according to a source familiar with the search.

Carr, who has never coached in the NBA, had been the team's director of community relations until last June, when he was named executive vice president. *AP*

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

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CLARINETIST extraordinare Orit Orbach plays Andre Hajdu's evocative *Truat Melech, A Jewish Rhapsody* tomorrow (8:30) with the Ashdod Chamber Orchestra at Kfar Sava's Heichal Hatarbut.

This is a unique opportunity to hear a work which for many years was associated with Giora Feidman. It is now being performed by a much younger musician who tries to combine the classical and the ethnic in a way reminiscent of Hajdu himself.

THEATER

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

RINA Yerushalmi's adaptation of the bard's *Romeo and Juliet* is an intriguing, stimulating presentation which is stronger on dance than on drama. The director takes more than a few liberties with the original text and focuses above all on the performance's esthetics. The result is most convincing. This is ensemble theater at its very best with a young company of actors who move with agility and sincerity. A Cameri Theater and Itim Ensemble production at ZOA House in Tel Aviv tonight and tomorrow (8:30). In Hebrew.

CINEMATHEQUE

PENNY STARR

THERE are three films tonight, starting 7, at Tel Aviv's The Heck With Hollywood independent American film festival. The first, *Family Album*, is an experimental collage directed by Alan Bellinger of various home movies. The result in a fascinating look at the American family.

The second film, *Universal Hotel*, directed by Peter Thompson, takes a long, hard look at a series of of black-and-white pictures of Polish prisoners in 1942. In *Universal Citizen*, Thompson's second film tonight, we meet a Libyan Jewish smuggler in Guatemala.

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★★ CRIMSON TIDE – After years of watching homicidal androids like Schwarzenegger and Stallone empty rounds of automatic gunfire into the guts of their faceless victims, viewers will be glad to find Tony Scott's action movie feels different, tauter, grander, *human*. His characters – and they are characters, not robotic good guys or bad ones – only resort to their guns when they have no other choice, and even then it costs them dearly. *Crimson Tide* is complex where it needs to be, and spare in important places.



Orit Orbach solos with the Ashdod Chamber Orchestra in Kfar Sava.

It begins with a finely hewed theatrical premise: all the action will take place underwater. The drama's primary setting is the interior of an American nuclear submarine, where the crusty captain (Gene Hackman) and his thoughtful young second-in-command (Denzel Washington) vie for control of the crew and the deadly warheads. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised.)

★★★ I.Q. – No question, the idea of Albert Einstein playing puckish matchmaker for his brainy mathematician niece and a cheerful auto mechanic is implausible and almost unbearably stupid. This, though, does not seem to be the point of Fred Schepisi's movie. The point is that *I.Q.* also trips along with a zany, fool-for-love intelligence of a refreshing and not completely explicable sort.

The film's goofy charm kicks right in with the cast list. Walter Matthau as Albert Einstein! The role of the Nobel Prize winner suits the actor – to a T. (English dialogue. Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)



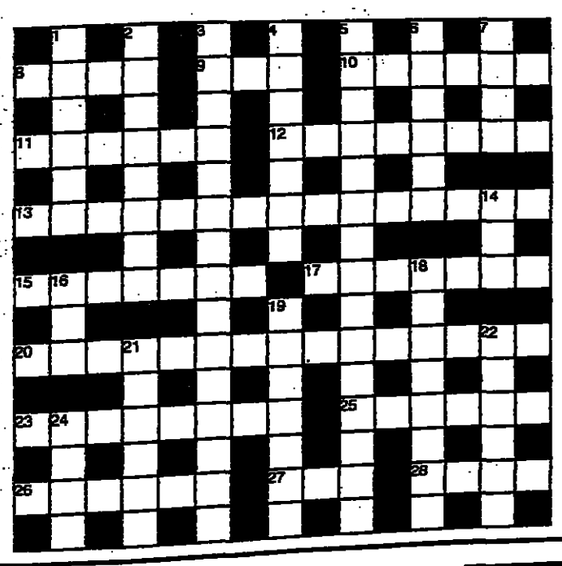
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

8 Stuff taken from hamper endlessly (4)
9 Manage career (3)
10 Legs in movement make one run (6)
11 Adventurous sweetheart does not take long (6)
12 Restoration of features in theatre (4-4)
13 Winning it latterly? A notion to excite! (8,7)
15 City moony about the budget (7)
17 This wine may become light at table (7)
20 When so broke, need hit to follow (7-8)
23 One provides a deal for the better (8)
25 Polished top Eli renovated (6)
26 Spanish gooseberry? (6)
27 Surgeon embraces university coach (3)
28 Achievement, however you look at it! (4)

DOWN

1 Visitors all at sea, defeated by slow bowler (6)
2 End of mini smashed into boat (8)
3 Concerned with angular function of miracle in grotto possibly? (15)
4 Pinch a bit (7)
5 After Hitchcock film, his patter could turn out beneficial (15)
6 Leg chain? (6)
7 Scandinavian sliced loaf (4)
14 Routine game on square (3)
16 Cry of surprise that accompanies a bill? (3)
18 A royal touch of distinction (8)
19 A writer put down (7)
21 Like an Arab, say, endlessly sequined (6)
22 Book three's about a queen of Persia (6)
24 Tour abandoned in utter defeat (4)



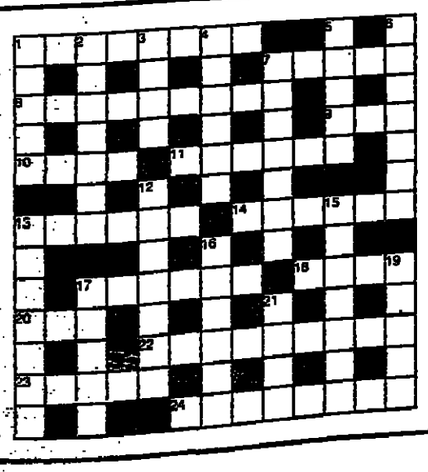
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ACROSS: 5 Grimm, 8 Laughter, 9 Hairy, 10 Impotent, 11 Tonga, 14 Sly, 16 Escudo, 17 Energy, 18 Ban, 20 Latke, 24 Gujarati, 25 Agora, 26 Bethesda, 27 Strap.

DOWN: 1 Slain, 2 Dumpy, 3 Chute, 4 Vernal, 6 Reasoned, 7 Mortgage, 12 Escargot, 13 Euphoria, 14 Sob, 15 Yen, 19 Amulet, 21 Cache, 22 Marsh, 23 Vital.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 One who bears witness (8)
7 Droll (5)
8 Lovely (9)
9 Tavern (3)
10 Insect (4)
11 Derived from vinegar (6)
13 Gemstone (6)
14 Paltry (6)
17 Counting-frame (6)
18 Indigent (4)
20 Ship's record (3)
22 French wines (9)
23 Racket (5)
24 Fairy-tales author (8)

DOWN

1 Book of stamps? (5)
2 Farm vehicle (7)
3 Adam's third son (4)
4 Place of business (6)
5 Caper (5)
6 Poison (7)
7 Palpitate (7)
12 By reason of (7)
13 Brave (7)
15 Dregs, sediment (7)
16 Season (6)
17 Once more (5)
19 Ascended (5)
21 Gala (4)

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Cartoons 7:00 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Shakespearean Theater 8:30 Literature 9:00 Arithmetic 9:25 Cartoon 9:40 Arabic fables 10:00 Family relations 10:30 Society 11:00 Science and Technology 11:20 Science 11:35 English 12:00 Geography 12:20 Science 12:35 Nature 12:50 Literature 13:30 The Wizard of Oz 14:00 Kitty Cat and Hummy 14:15 Bananas in Pyjamas 14:20 Cartoon 14:30 Animal tales 14:45 Cartoon 15:00 Animated series

■ CHANNEL 1

15:30 Winnie the Pooh – cartoon 16:00 Zap to One 16:55 Hebrew language corner 17:00 A New Evening 17:35 Kids' Court 18:00 Garfield 18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Apropos 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 Hashmalit – video-clip magazine 20:00 Mabat 20:55 Live broadcast of Lotto results 21:00 Three Years Later, One More to Go – Which way would the vote go, if elections were held today? What has the government achieved in the past three years? 22:30 Gettysburg – part 2 23:30 News magazine

■ CHANNEL 2

13:00 Portrait – Tintoretto 14:00 Zehu Zeh (rpt) 15:00 Lunch Break – Israeli music, old and new 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 Reshef at Five 17:30 Sports 18:00 Power Rangers – adventure 18:25 Moonlighting 19:25 Who's the Boss? 20:00 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune 21:05 Miss Universe 1995 22:40 Altalena – the story of the IZL arms ship that was shelled on Ben-Gurion's orders after defying his government's orders 23:45 Night Watch with Kobi Meidan 00:00 News 00:05 Night Watch (continued) 00:20 The Visit (1964) – A rich woman (Ingrid Bergman) visits her dying hometown in Europe, and offers its residents a fortune if they will assassinate her first seducer (100 mins)

■ JORDAN TV

14:00 Captain Planet – cartoon 14:30 I Witness Video 15:30 Road to Avonlea 16:30 Pugwall 17:00 French programs 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 The Nature of Things – documentary 20:30 Boogies Diner – comedy 21:10 Urban Angel – drama 22:00 News in English 22:20 All or Nothing – new series 23:10 New York Undercover

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 700 Club 14:55 Film 16:30 Mighty Mouse 16:55 Jonny Quest 17:20 Dangermouse 17:45 Flying House 18:10 Documentary 19:10 Magnum P.I. 20:00 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:30 CNN Headline News 21:00 America's Funniest Home Videos 21:30 Star Trek: The Next Generation 22:30 Babylon 5 23:10 700 Club

CABLE

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Roxanne 9:00 One Life to Live 9:45 The Young and the Restless 10:30 Guests in the Living Room 11:00 All in the Family 11:25 Celeste 12:15 Neighbors 12:35 Perry Mason 13:25 Hanging with Mr. Cooper 13:50 Israeli Clips 14:00 St Elsewhere 14:50 Roxanne 15:40 Knots Landing 16:30 Neighbors 16:55 Love Boat 17:45 Israeli Clips 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Beverly Hills 90210 21:40 Entertainment Tonight 21:50 The Meter Is Running 22:15 Kolbodek 22:50 Murphy Brown 23:20 Valley of the Dolls 23:45 ENG 00:35 Law and Order 1:25 Renegade

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 S.P.Y.S. (1974) (rpt) 12:15 Dedee D'Anvers (1947) (rpt) 13:45 Women of Willmar (1984) (rpt) 15:20 Spark: Price of Passion (1989) (rpt) 17:00 Roman Holiday (1988) – modern version of the William Wyler classic stars Tom Conti as the journalist and Catherine Oxenberg as the European princess 18:35 Raid on Entebbe (1977) – (rpt) 21:00 Braddock (1988) – action starring Chuck Norris as an ex-marine who served in Vietnam where the love of his life still lives with their child. He goes back to rescue the pair. Chuck's brother Aaron directed (98 mins) 22:45 Lionheart (1991) – Jean-Claude Van Damme stars in this actioner about a deserter from the Foreign Legion who becomes a professional fighter. Directed by Sheldon Lettich (100 mins) 00:30 Vagabond (1985) (rpt) 2:15 Running Scared (1986) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 9:35 Alvin and the Chipmunks 10:00 Rod and Emu 10:35 T-Rex 11:05 Family Ties 11:40 Little House on the Prairie 12:30 Black Stallion 13:00 Cartoons 13:35 Mighty Max 14:00 Casper and Friends 14:30 Once Upon a Time 15:05 T-Rex 15:35 Saved by the Bell 16:10 Lois and Clark 17:10 Black Stallion 17:30 Bill and Ted 18:05 Alvin and the Chipmunks 18:30 Rod and Emu 19:00 Cartoons 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:30 Growing Pains 20:55 Step by Step 21:25 Cheers

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Great Moments – Lina Wertmuller directs this documentary about the streets of Moscow, filled with casinos, black markets and mafias, where people still remember Lenin, Stalin and Gorbachev but have never heard of Chekhov, Kafka or Freud 23:05 Swept Away (1975) – Class and sex wars set sail in this drama about a spoiled, rich woman and her husband's servant who are shipwrecked on a desert island, where after a couple of utopian days of equality the roles are reversed and the servant becomes the master. Directed by Lina Wertmuller, starring Giancarlo Giannini and Mariangela Melato (109 mins, in Italian) 00:55 Beyond the Valley of the Dolls (1970) – this cult comedy (no connection to "Valley of the Dolls") is a raunchy romp with a busty female rock trio in Hollywood. Starring Dolly Read, Cynthia Myers, Marcia McBroom and someone called Strawberry Alarm Clock. Directed by Russ Meyer (104 mins)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: History 12:00 Cultural Cities of China 13:00 Dilemmas 14:00 Open University: (rpt of morning's programs) 16:00 Cultural Cities of China 17:00 Dilemmas 18:00 Open University (rpt of morning's programs) 20:00 Beyond 2000 21:00 Death-trip of a Lifetime 22:00 The Great Commanders 22:45 Beyond 2000 23:30 Open University (rpt of morning's programs)

■ ITV 3

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■ SUPER CHANNEL

6:30 NBC News 7:00 ITN World News 7:15 US Market Wrap 7:30 Business Insiders 8:00 Today featuring ITN World News and FT Business 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 Today 20:00 ITN World News Live 20:30 Executive Lifestyles 21:00 Entertainment X-Press 21:30 Best of Dateline 22:30 World of Fashion 23:00 ITN World News Live 23:30 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:30 Real Personal 1:00 FT Business Tonight 1:30 Nightly News with Tom Brokaw

■ STAR PLUS

6:00 Wind in the Willows 6:30 Playabout 7:00 The Sullivans 7:30 Yan Can Cook 8:00 El Features 8:30 Donahue 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Riviera 12:30 Yan Can Cook 13:00 Aerobics 13:30 The Sullivans 14:00 Small Wonder 14:30 Robotech 15:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 15:30 Batman 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Entertainment Tonight 17:00 M*A*S*H 17:30 Flying Doctors 18:30 The Manageress 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 Hard Copy 21:30 Baywatch 22:30 El TV 23:00 M*A*S*H 23:30 Entertainment Tonight 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Hard Copy

■ CHANNEL 5

7:00 – 8:30 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 No details available 17:00 Rugby World Cup Final 18:00 English league soccer: Bolton vs Wolves 19:30 No details available 20:00 Kick boxing 20:30 NBA final series game 5: Houston vs Orlando 22:00 Argentinian league soccer 23:30 NHL

■ EUROSPORT

9:30 Eurogolf 10:30 Artistic gymnastics 12:30 Motor racing 13:00 Eurogoals 14:00 Speed world 16:00 Pentathlon 17:00 Eurogoals 18:00 Tennis 20:30 Eurosport news 21:00 Live athletics from France 23:00 Motoring magazine 1:00 Snooker 2:00 Eurosport news

■ PRIME SPORTS

6:00 Motorcycling 7:00 WLAF championship match 11:00 Tennis 13:00 Aerobics 13:30 Mondial magazine 14:00 Surfing 15:00 EPGA golf 17:00 Boxing 19:00 Mondial magazine 19:30 Surfing 20:30 Tennis 22:30 Boxing 00:30 EPGA golf

■ BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC World News 6:25 Time Out: Film '95 7:00 BBC Newsday 10:00 BBC World News 10:15 Panorama 11:00 BBC World News 11:25 The Late Show 12:00 BBC World News 12:25 Time Out: Tomorrow's World 13:00 BBC Newsdesk 15:00 BBC World News 15:15 The Money Programme 16:00 BBC News Hour 17:00 BBC World News 17:10 World Business Report 17:25 Time Out: Holiday 18:00 BBC World News 18:15 Panorama 19:00 BBC World News 19:25 Time Out: Film '95 20:00 The World Today 22:00 BBC World Headlines 22:15 Panorama 23:00 BBC World News 23:25 Time Out: Stories from an African Hospital 00:00 BBC World News 00:25 World Business Report

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 6:30 Showbiz Today 8:30 Moneyline 9:30 World Report 10:45 CNN Newsroom 11:30 Showbiz Today 12:30 World Report 13:00 Business Day 14:30 World Sport 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 16:30 OJ Simpson Special 17:30 World Sport 18:30 Business Asia 21:00 World Business Today 21:30 CNN World News 22:00 International Hour 22:30 OJ Simpson Special 00:00 World Business Today Update 00:30 World Sport 1:30 Showbiz Today

■ SKY NEWS

News throughout the day 6:30 CBS News 7:30 ABC World News 8:00 Sunrise 11:30 Fashion TV 12:30 ABC Nightline 15:30 CBS News This Morning 16:30 Parliament Live 18:00 World News and Business Report 19:00 Live at Five 20:05 Richard Littlejohn 21:30 The OJ Simpson Trial 2:30 CBS Evening News

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Musical Matinee 9:05 Bach: Cantata no 82 (Petite Bande/Kuijken); W.F. Bach: Sonata in F for 2 harpsichords (Staier, Hill); Boccherini: Quintet for 2 violins, 2 violas and cello op 60/1 (Ensemble 415); Mozart: Piano concerto no 12 (R. Levine, hammerklavier/Acad of Ancient Music/Hogwood); Rachmaninoff: Vocalise for orch op 34/1 (Royal PO/Litton); Lalo: Piano trio no 1 op 7; Mendelssohn: Psalm op 51; Haydn: String quartet in A op 20/6 (Mosaic); Szymanowski: Stabat Mater (Soloists, Birmingham SO and choir/Rattle) 12:00 Light Classical – Vivaldi: Concerto in C for 2 trumpets, strings and continuo; Piccini: Recorder concerto (Graf); Kalliwoda: Concertino in F for oboe and orch op 110 (Goritzki); Mozart: Bassoon concerto in B flat (Elliot) 13:00 Ya'ara Tal and Andreas Groethuysen – Dvorak: From Bohemia's Woods and Fields for piano 4 hands op 68; Rachmaninoff: 6 pieces for piano 4 hands op 11 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Recording Studio – Miriam Meltzer (soprano), Ora Rotem-Nelken (piano), Yehuda Golani (clarinet). Songs by Richard Strauss. Heim Alexander, Schubert, Richard Rodney Bennett and others 16:00 My Concert – with Yehiam Weitz 18:00 New CDs – Purcell: The Fairy Queen opera based on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, part 1; Bizet: Jeux d'Enfants for piano 4 hands; Dukas: The Sorcerer's Apprentice for 2 pianos; Debussy: Prélude a l'après-midi d'un faune 20:05 From the World's Concert Halls – Harvard University Choir in works by Byrd, Palestrina, Lassus, Bach, Bruckner, Tchaikovsky, Ives, Thomson 22:00 A Musical Journey

■ RADIO 1

6:06 Hebrew songs 7:00 News in English 7:15 News in French 7:30 Hebrew songs 8:05 Morning Magazine 12:05 Land of Israel 13:00 News and program in English 13:30 News and program in French 14:05 Music with Youth 15:05 Youth program 16:05 Arts 17:00 News in English 17:02 News in French 17:05 Dial 18:05 Religious programs 20:00 Storytelling 20:15 Ashkenazi hazanut 21:00 Hazanut 22:05 Between the Lines 23:05 Hebrew songs

■ RADIO 2

6:06 This Morning – news 8:05 Another Matter 10:05 It's All Talk 12:05 Midday – news, commentary, music 14:05 Magic Moments 15:05 Foreign Affairs 15:45 Foreign Press 16:05 The Color of Money 17:05 Five After the News 18:05 Today – newsreel 19:05 Social Hour 20:30 Hebrew songs 21:05 Matters which haven't hit the headlines 23:05 News and music 00:05 Midnight Magazine 00:15 News and music, continued 1:05 Tuesday Night Club 5:05 First Light

■ REKA

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Police question Kessar on funds

RAINE MARCUS

TRANSPORT Minister Yisrael Kessar was questioned under caution about the alleged misappropriation of Histadrut funds for five hours by the National Fraud Squad yesterday.

This was the first time that a minister was investigated in the case.

Unlike other MKs, Kessar was summoned to Israel Police headquarters in Jerusalem, rather than being questioned at the National Fraud Squad's Jaffa headquarters.

Kessar was asked about the alleged misuse of Histadrut and other funds in his 1992 primary campaign for the Labor Party leadership against Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres. Police suspect that he may have used Histadrut funds and money from non-profit organizations to finance his election campaign. Other allegations include the transfer of money to his campaign through false invoices.

National investigations chief Cmdr. Yossi Levy told reporters that Kessar was not summoned "just to give evidence." Kessar, he said, cooperated fully and answered all questions.

Levy would not go into further details, but just said the probe related to Kessar's "personal and inclusive responsibility as former Histadrut secretary-general."

Other sources said that it is doubtful whether there is evidence implicating Kessar in any crime.

Kessar refused to comment when he arrived for questioning at 9 a.m. When he left at around 2 p.m., he agreed to say a few words to reporters.

"I just want to reiterate everything I have said in the past," he said. "Minister Kessar's good name, honesty, and his credibility will remain."

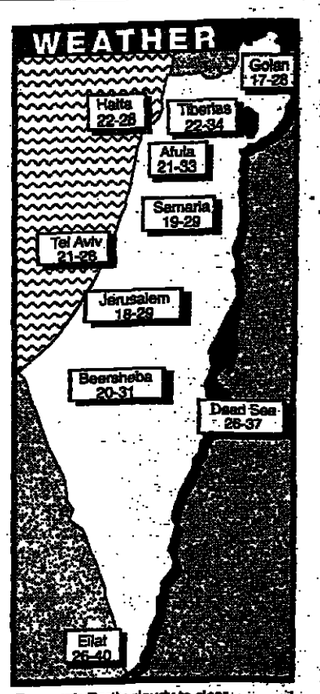
Police said it has not yet been officially decided whether Kessar would be summoned again for questioning, but sources said they believe he would not be.

Levy said that others allegedly involved in the affair would be summoned for questioning, and while the investigation is not complete, much evidence has already been transferred to the District Attorney's Office.

He could not predict when indictments against suspects would be prepared.



Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar (second from right) leaves Israel Police headquarters yesterday, after being questioned about use of Histadrut funds. (Flash 90)



Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear.

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Chicago	22	71	34	93	clear
Copenhagen	09	48	18	64	clear
Frankfurt	12	54	19	66	cloudy
Geneva	15	59	27	81	clear
Helsinki	12	54	18	64	cloudy
Hong Kong	28	82	31	88	cloudy
Ankara	01	34	17	63	clear
Lisbon	22	72	29	84	clear
London	12	54	24	76	p/cloudy
Los Angeles	17	63	27	81	clear
Madrid	19	66	36	97	p/cloudy
Montreal	22	72	30	86	clear
Moscow	16	61	27	81	cloudy
New York	22	72	32	90	rain
Paris	10	50	23	73	clear
Rome	18	61	28	79	clear
Stockholm	10	50	18	61	cloudy
Sydney	07	45	17	63	clear

700 observers will monitor PA elections

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ABOUT 700 foreign observers will monitor the Palestinian elections, Foreign Ministry legal adviser Joel Singer, who heads the teams negotiating the issue with the Palestinians, said yesterday.

Singer and chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erakat are meeting members of the European Union, which is to coordinate the observer team.

"They will set common standards and coordinate between all the different observers in the field. We are talking about some 700 people," Singer told Israel Radio.

Most of the issues relating to the elections have been resolved. Left unresolved are questions whether Palestinians from eastern Jerusalem may run for office and whether voting will take place inside the city.

Another unresolved issue is the size of the planned Palestinian self-rule council. The Palestinians want 75-80 delegates, while Israel has called for 35.

Israeli officials expect the elections sometime this fall, following IDF redeployment from major Palestinian cities in the territories.

Controversial colonel promoted

ALON PINKAS

THE commander of a tank brigade whose exercise was stopped by Chief of General Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak last week because of poor performance will be appointed the deputy commander of a division, army sources confirmed. The decision to appoint Col. G. as the deputy commander of division, commonly regarded as an unappealing post, was made several months ago, the sources said.

Several months ago, Col. G. was involved in a public scandal when he told Jerusalem high school students that "throughout history, men were warriors and women whores." He was reprimanded by the CGS and publicly apologized for his statement.

Corporal gets 30 days for refusing duty

RAPHAEL Maron, 26, a reserve corporal from the settlement of Yitzhar, was sentenced by a military court yesterday to 30 days in jail for refusing to do his reserve duty because of political reasons.

Maron reported to his base near Nablus and said he would not serve because he does not want to take part in "abandoning parts of Eretz Yisrael."

Maron is the secretary of Yitzhar.

Herb Keinon

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the seven of spades, jack of hearts, eight of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

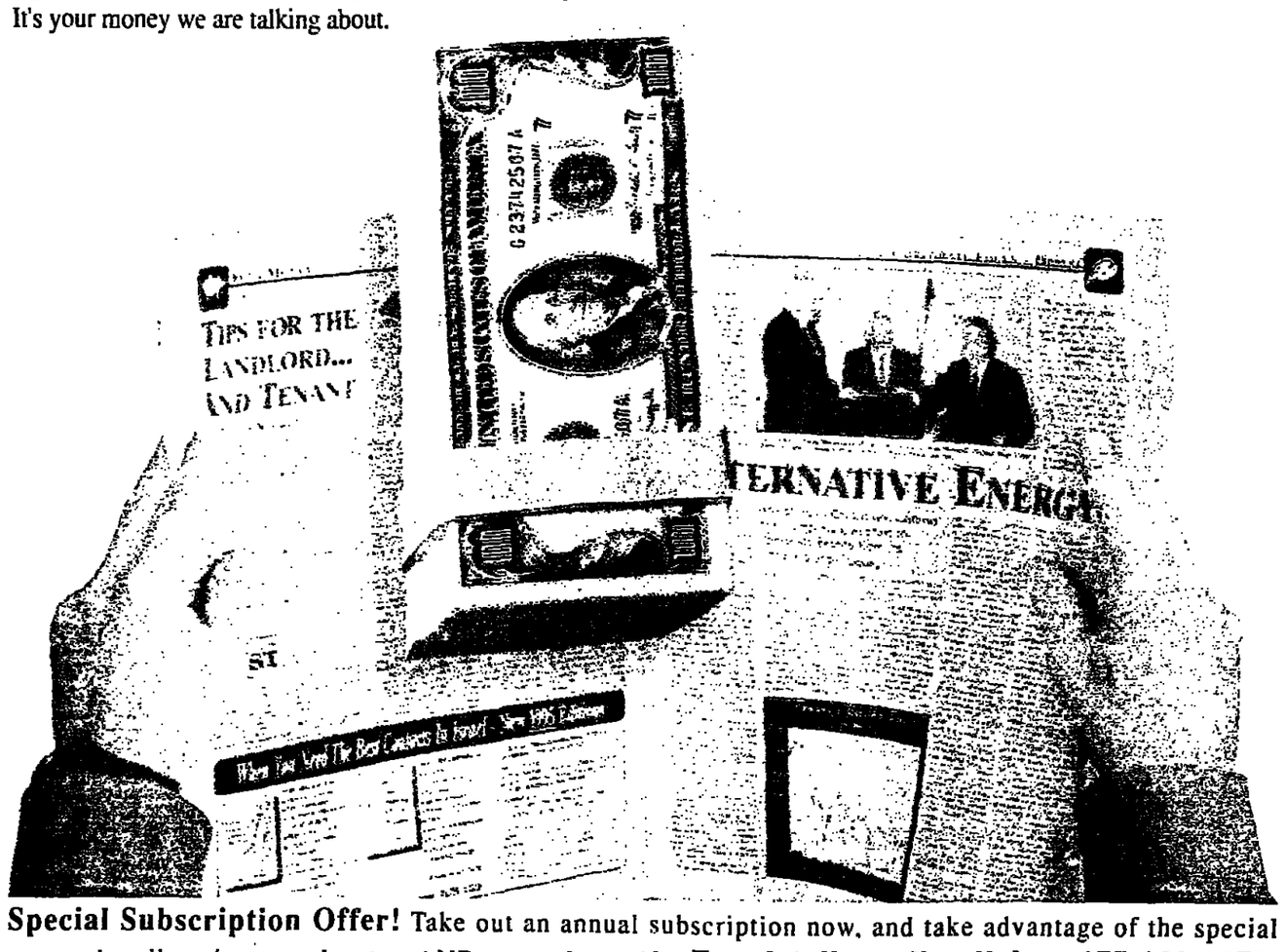
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TAN ADV.

Diaspora contributed only 10% of money needed for absorption

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE Jewish world has contributed only about 10 percent of the money needed to absorb the new immigration wave, and the burden has been placed on the Israeli citizen, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Zionist General Council last night.

"Israel has spent $3 billion-$4 billion on immigrant absorption," Rabin said. "The contribution of world Jewry has amounted to about 10% of that. It is the average Israeli citizen that is carrying the burden."

Rabin added that the two great waves of aliya – that from the Arab states in the early 1950s and that of the past five years – had changed the face of Israeli society. He noted with satisfaction that most of today's immigrants are being absorbed in development towns by those who came here in the '50s.

Avraham Burg, newly elected permanent chairman of the World Zionist Organization, called on the government to adopt an emergency plan to maintain the Jewish people's spiritual and religious character in Israel and the Diaspora.

Earlier, Burg said he plans to resign his Knesset seat, after he is elected chairman of the Jewish Agency, when the agency's assembly convenes on Sunday. Burg has been temporary chairman of the WZO and the agency since February.

Trying to breathe new inspiration into the stagnant national institutions, Burg called on the delegates to spend the week together in soul-searching. Any further cut-backs required to put the national institutions onto the right track, he said, "would be agreed upon in the spirit of a cultured dialogue ... No organization is so holy that it cannot be changed."

Burg said that his plan, Brit Am – A Covenant for the People – was a concept of how national institutions should operate. It is open to revision and suggestions and no operative details had not yet been worked out, he said.

It would first be necessary, he said, to secure the agreement of the fund-raisers for a fixed budget over a prolonged period.

The plan stresses the centrality of Jewish-Zionist education throughout the Jewish world. Burg also proposes the unification of the WZO and the agency, the establishment of a Jewish peace force, an AIPAC-like Jewish lobby in Israel, and greater involvement by both Diaspora and Israeli Jewry in the decision-making of the Zionist movement. Although the plan has not been distributed, delegates from abroad expressed fear their voice will no longer be heard within a new organizational structure.

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